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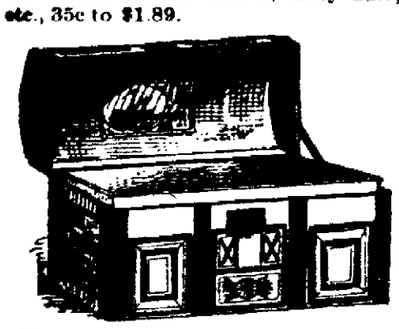
THE FAIR.

SANTA CLAUS' HEADQUARTERS.—The time was when Santa Claus manufactured his own gifts. But since we have gone in the toy business he finds they can be bought cheaper than he can make them The first thing when he rides in town is to enquire if it has a **SYNDICATE FAIR STORE**, and he comes early, is much too wise to wait until the final rush, when the best has been selected. and just what he wants is sold. Below are a few of his special orders. We are satisfied he knows what to order that pleases old as well as young.

We think he has a large place in his heart for little girls as he nearly always begins on

DOLLS.

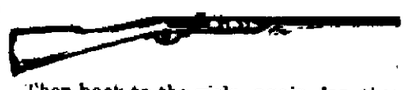
He buys the J. D. K. kid doll, the very best on the market, from 10c to $3 50, and the prettiest dressed doll, 13 inches, in different colors, with hat to match, for 25c. Talk about jointed dress dolls. You should see his smile when examining their silk and satin dresses, fancy hats, etc., 35c to $1.89.



Trunks come next to pack their clothes in with tray, lock and key, 25 to 98c.

Doll Carriages

And go-carts. Upholstered, parasol, etc., 25c to $2.50. Then we know very well he leaves the little girls for a time to find something jolly for the boys. How he does rattle it off. Sleighs that just suit them from 25c up. Stationary engines, magic lanterns, swords, steel toys, they can bang about, from 10c up. Rocking horses, tool chests, pocket knives, tops, violins, horns, drums, etc., from 10c up. We wish you might see him when he reaches the games. Think he will need more reindeers to draw those large regular 50c games for 22c; blocks for 10c that sell elsewhere for 25c. One thing we will just whisper so the mamas won't hear. He never forgets the



Then back to the girls again, for they as well as the boys, love those lovely books for 5 and 10c and what all mamas are paying 35c for he gets at 22c, and those bright lithographed linen books at 5c, everyone else sells for 10c.

He knows no girl's house is complete without a piano to accompany her brother's horn.

Now back he comes for another load. This time it is white cradles, gold knobs, etc., 25c up, with white dressers to match. Toilet stand, all complete. Extension tables, from 25 to 98c. Oak side boards, high chairs, dishes, china and britannia; 4 bottled castors 10c; Bissel's toy sweeper that does the work as well as the larger ones at 15c. Oh, yes; we nearly forgot the kitchen. Here is the iron stove and furniture, 25c up, iron and stand 5c, brooms 5 and 10c, dust pans 5c, wash sets, etc. Then there is the baby's stocking to be filled with bright rattles, rubber toys, knit dolls, chimes, cows, sheep, donkeys, horses, dogs, etc., with double rocking horse, tray attached to keep the toys in, from 50c to $1.75, or a small willow or white rocker, plush seat, etc., 25 to 98c. Black boards and desks 25c up, small office chairs 98c.

Our reputation for fine china at cheap prices is so well established it seems a waste of time to mention it. But we have so many new pretty pieces that we want you to know about, in comb and brush trays 25c, bread plates 25c to $1.50, dainty cups and saucers 10 to 98c, salads 25c to $1.50, celery trays, celery salts to match, bread and butter plates, chocolate pots, cracker jars, condensed milk jars, fern jars, pudding sets, frames, placques, shaving mugs, ink stands, syrup jars, candle sticks, oat meal sets.

Game sets, with platters and 12 plates to match, pin trays, bone dishes, olive dishes, jardinnire, bric-a-brac, bisque figures, etc.

If you want Rodgers' A No. 1 table ware for half the price you have been paying, we are ready for you with a full line A. D. spoons, tea, table and desert spoons, sugar shells, butter knives, berry spoons, cold meat forks, child's set, knife, fork and spoon, etc.

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You could hardly believe without seeing the STAMP could be sold so cheap. We can fill your toilet table, desk, work basket, etc., with useful as well as ornamental novelties.

Or if you have more money than you wish to spend, we have the purses to keep it in.

We have much the largest line of handkerchiefs in the city. Warranted all linen from 5c each to 75c to $1.50 per box.

Also full line perfumes and atomizers.

You Know

Your wife has hinted time and again for a dinner set. Now is the time to please her. We have a line to choose from that you cannot fail to please her. Will guarantee every piece to not craze. Just go round, get prices, come to us last. Look at the potter's stamp and see if we do not do as we advertise. Sell the best for the least money.

Some of you need a lamp or toilet set more than a dinner set. Well we are all right on those also.

Owing to our immense order for lamps for our six stores, we have been a little late in getting the line complete. But we are now ready to show a line that has never been equalled in Middletown. Our lamps are PERFECT, latest styles, tasty decoration, simple construction, best of workmanship and finish, central draft insuring a perfectly clear and steady white light, no flickering and no smoking.

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NO. 91 FULTON STREET.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT!

We have completed our preparations for the approaching holidays, and suggest that an early visit will afford better opportunities for deliberation and the advantage of a complete stock to select from.

Men's Velvet Slippers,	50c
Men's Brown Imitation Alligator Slippers,	50c
Men's Black Imitation Alligator Slippers,	50c
Men's Velvet Slippers 75c. Men's Tan Vici Opera Slippers,	$1
Men's Black Vici Opera Slippers $1 Boys' Black Velvet Slippers,	60c
Boys' Tan Pearl Everett, 60c Youths' Velvet Everett,	50c
Ladies' Red Romeo, Fur Trimmed Slippers,	$1.25
Ladies' Black Romeo, Fur Trimmed Slippers,	$1.25
Misses' Red Romeo, Fur Trimmed Slippers,	$1.00
Children's Red Romeo, Fur Trimmed Slippers,	$1.00

Selections made now will be set aside until called for, or delivered any time previous to Christmas

SAMUELS' ONE PRICE SHOE STORE,

No. 11 North St., Middletown.

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An Extra Large Stock of the Finest Perfumes, Toilet Sets, Celluloid Goods, Aluminum Ware,

Cut Glass Bottles, Atomizers, Mirrors, etc. We have the goods and the prices are right.

TUTHILL'S PHARMACIES, 27 James and North corner Cortland street

SHAFTER TESTIFIES

Before the War Investigating Commission.

SAYS HIS PLANS WERE ALL RIGHT

Would Not Change Them if the Campaign Had to Be Fought Again. Says His Illness Caused No Embarrassment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—General Shafter appeared rather unexpectedly before the war investigation commission yesterday afternoon and told his story of the Santiago expedition. He was supported by his aid, Colonel Miley, who was with him in Cuba, and flanked by a large portmanteau of papers, to which his aid occasionally applied for reference.

General Shafter's story of the operations around Santiago was tersely told, but at times quite vivid in its recital and interesting in detail. Briefly summed up, his estimate of the Santiago expedition was that it had been a military success and cheap at the cost of 500 lost in the fight. He considered the expedition to have been as well fitted out as the time allowed would permit and said that in looking back he had no criticism of his plans to make and would not change them if the events had to be gone through again. He said he had no complaints of any sort to make and would loath to intrude them at this time if he had.

After a brief preface, General Shafter went into a detailed account of his preparations for the Santiago expedition. He said his plans were changed three times by the department, and once he actually started, but was called back by the report of Spanish warships off the coast. He said the transport fleet was not sufficiently large to accommodate 17,000 men for any length of time at sea, but all were so anxious to go that he risked considerable crowding to take all the men possible. He admitted that he took chances in doing this, but said the weather was good and there was no mishap to regret. The men were regulars almost entirely, fully equipped, and he saw that they were made as comfortable as circumstances permitted.

As to medical supplies, General Shafter said: "You know medical supplies are the one thing that a commanding officer or a line officer never knows anything about. The surgeon is supposed to know what he wants. My medical officer said he thought he had enough medical supplies for the temporary service to which we thought we were destined. Events proved, however, that the surgeon was mistaken. The ammunition supply was ample."

As to supplies, General Shafter said there was nothing essential left behind.

"How about the ambulances?" asked General Beaver.

"As to the ambulances," said General Shafter, "I take the whole responsibility myself. I ordered and supervised their loading. After events proved that it would have been better to have taken 10 or 15 additional ambulances and left that many wagons behind, but wagons can be used for two purposes, and ambulances can be used for but one. I took the wagons, and the wounded had to be transported in them after the first day's fighting. I must say that on a rocky, muddy road, such as we had there, that there is little difference in comfort between an ambulance and an escort wagon. The men were put on straw in the bottom of the wagons, and we did the best we could for them. Ambulances would have been better, but the hindsight is always better than foresight."

Concerning the landing facilities with the expedition, General Shafter said they had two large barges, one of which was lost en route, and a small tug, the Captain Sam, whose captain deserted during the night. The boats' capacity of the transport fleet was sufficient for the landing, as the events proved.

An interesting incident of the landing was brought out by General Shafter, who said he had arranged with the Cuban General Castillo the day prior to the landing to have 1,000 men back of Baiquiri to catch the Spaniards when they were shelled out by the navy. Castillo was three hours late, however, and all the Spaniards got away.

"How about getting the supplies to the front for the men?" asked General Beaver.

"It was the one problem of the campaign, and it taxed us to the utmost," said he. "If it had not been for the pack train, we could not have done it, and the expedition would have been a failure."

General Shafter said he regarded the landing of the expedition as eminently successful. They lost only two men out of a total of 20,000 men and 30 animals. It was a remarkable record.

"There has been considerable criticism from the medical officials about getting their medical supplies ashore," said General Beaver. "Were any such complaints brought to you?"

"A majority of the regimental surgeons left their medical chests on their vessels. When I found this out, I put Dr. Goodfellow aboard the Nantee and had him collect these chests. As soon as they were landed they were put on four wagons and distributed at once to the men."

As an additional explanation of the difficulty in furnishing supplies ashore General Shafter said at one time with an army of 21,000 men he had to issue rations to 40,000 people, the excess being the refugees from Santiago, women and children for the most part, whom he could not allow to starve.

As to the care of the wounded, General Shafter said they were cared for as carefully as the circumstances would permit. "The doctors worked like Trojans. They deserved and received commendation from every one. They worked till they were sick and worn out. The doctors were mostly young men. You can't get very old and experienced surgeons to go on a summer campaign for $100 a month. But they were splendid fellows. Compared with the civil war, the wounded were better cared for in Cuba than they were then."

Touching the signal corps, General Shafter said he was served admirably.

Asked if he thought his own sickness had any effect on the success of the Cuban campaign, General Shafter said: "No, most decidedly. The campaign was carried out as planned from the start, and my health or sickness did not alter a single plan."

LONG MAY RESIGN.

Anxious to Get Out of the Navy Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary Bliss returned to Washington Monday, and in conversation with some of his official callers he admitted indirectly that he had resigned and that his resignation would take effect on Jan. 1. He positively refused, however, to make any statement for publication, even to say that he would resign.

It is not unlikely that President McKinley will recast his cabinet entirely at the beginning of the new year. It is stated that Secretary Long has determined to resign at an early day, although he has not yet formally made known his intention to the president. His reasons for leaving the navy department are that he is separated too much from his family by his duties and that he has never cared for Washington life. He has been deeply interested in his work as secretary of the navy, but dislikes the social features of office holding, and with the restoration of peace he sees an opportunity to retire to private life, of which he will be glad to avail himself.

Should Mr. Long adhere to his purpose to resign, it is probable that he would be succeeded by the assistant secretary, Charles H. Allen of Lowell, Mass., who, as Mr. Roosevelt's successor, has been a most popular and efficient official. He enjoys the warm friendship of President McKinley and would be strongly recommended for promotion by Secretary Long.

COURT RECEIVES DOSSIER.

Another Dreyfus Debate In French Chamber.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The Courrier du Soir says:

"The Dreyfus secret dossier was handed to the court of cassation last evening under the pledge that it should not be communicated to the counsel for Dreyfus or to any one outside the court."

The chamber of deputies indulged in another Dreyfus debate yesterday. M. Joseph Fourniere, Socialist deputy for Aisne, moved a resolution conferring the franchise upon soldiers and demanded urgency for it. He then proceeded to expound his views, which provoked a great uproar.

The premier, M. Dupuy, replied:

"I should have thought that the Dreyfus affair had already done the country enough harm. M. Fourniere's new proposal would be most pernicious. The country wants and has a devoted army to safeguard her independence, and we do not wish to give its officers the means of descending to the forum. We must rally around the army."

The motion for urgency was then defeated by 477 votes against 26.

In the senate a stormy discussion took place over a bill increasing the penalties for espoinage and treason. There were frequent references to Dreyfus.

Eventually the bill, which prescribes death for state officials who are guilty of treason in time of peace, was adopted.

CAN'T STOP HOBSON.

Naval Officials Have No Authority to Prohibit Public Kissing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Officials of the navy department say that Lieutenant Hobson has a right to kiss all the women who permit him to do so.

There is no provision of the naval regulations which covers the case except "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman," but the officers claim that so long as the girls do not object Lieutenant Hobson can continue.

He is becoming the laughing stock of the service by his public osculation. If he continues, he will receive an unofficial intimation that his conduct has not the approval of his superiors.

His orders read that he must be on the steamer on Dec. 24, and until that time he is at liberty to do as he pleases.

Bunce to Retire on Sunday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Rear Admiral Francis M. Bunce, commandant of the New York navy yard, will retire for age next Sunday, and promotions will result all along the line, from the highest to the lowest grade. In case it is decided to relieve Admiral Bunce from further active service on his retirement, there being a possibility he may retain command of the yard, it will become necessary to select some other officer of high rank at once to replace him as commandant of the New York yard. It is expected the president will act upon the matter during the present week.

One Soldier Vote In Schenectady.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Schenectady county received three soldier votes, but owing to the carelessness of two of the voters, who failed to give their residences, only one ballot was counted. It was cast by Harry Allison, who is a marine on the cruiser New York. The only person he voted for was Van Wyck for governor. The one vote cost the county $28.

Grip at Vassar.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 21.—President J. M. Taylor of Vassar college says that the reports being circulated concerning the epidemic of grip at the college are exaggerated and have unnecessarily alarmed the friends of the students all over the country. The grip is prevalent in this locality and is no worse at the college than elsewhere. No alarm or excitement is felt at the college, and the cases are all of a slight nature.

HAVANA SOON OURS.

Evacuation Will Be Complete by Jan. 1.

OUR FLAG RAISED AT ATARES.

Examining Candidates For the Police Force—An American Woman Wounded by Rifle Bullet. Philip Visits Castellanos.

HAVANA, Dec. 21.—Captain General Jiminez Castellanos informed Brigadier General Clous yesterday that the evacuation of Havana would be complete on or before Jan. 1 next. Fourteen transports are due to arrive from Spain during the next ten days. There are 16,000 Spanish troops still in Havana and its environs, but the last few thousands will embark simultaneously.

This information was particularly agreeable to the Americans, because all Spanish troops who remain here after Jan. 1 will have to be protected.

Commodore B. J. Cromwell reported to the United States evacuation commissioners yesterday that he would take over the arsenal and naval property of Spain in Havana after Jan. 1 and be captain of the port.

The Spanish immovable property, according to the inventory, is estimated to be worth about $5,000,000. The inventory is a huge document, containing many hundred pages of manuscript, and gives full details of all the Spanish property in Cuba.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the orders which had been issued to the Eighth and Tenth regular infantry regiments to occupy the seacoast batteries were changed at the request of Captain General Castellanos, who fears that a conflict of authority might occur should the Americans occupy any portion of the city proper prior to the final evacuation.

At noon yesterday Major Russell B. Harrison, with a detachment of the First North Carolina regiment, raised the stars and stripes over Fort Atares, in full sight of the wreck of the United States battleship Maine. Major Harrison, as provost marshal of the Seventh corps, is charged to preserve order in Cerro, Atares and Jesus del Monte, the suburbs of Havana. Two companies of the Second Illinois regiment and two of the First North Carolina regiment are doing guard duty.

The Cuban irreconcilables talk of overturning the queen regent's statue in Central park on Jan. 1. General Greene says the statue will be taken down, carefully boxed and offered to Spain, no indignity being allowed.

Although Admiral Sampson has gone north, the other United States evacuation commissioners will remain until after the new year, pending the evacuation of other parts of the island. Yesterday Commodore John W. Philip made an official call upon Captain General Castellanos.

Colonel Moulton and Captain McCullagh continue their examinations of candidates for the police force. In this matter they are assisted by the advice of General Mario Menocal, the ranking Cuban officer in Havana province. The idea is to have the moral assistance of the Cuban chiefs in preserving order.

Monday night while an American lady from Richmond was walking with her husband in Central park she was hit by a spent rifle bullet, receiving a flesh wound in the side. No report was heard at the time.

A dispatch from Sagua la Grande announces the arrival there of three members of the crew of the English bark Lladyne, coal laden, which was lost on the voyage from New York to Cuba. No further details are given.

Soldier Killed by a Guard.

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 21.—Private Murgridge, Second West Virginia regiment, was shot and instantly killed yesterday by Private John Mattice of the Two Hundred and Third New York regiment, who also shot and wounded Private Hart of the Second West Virginia. Murgridge and Hart were at pistol practice in the woods near the regimental camp. Mattice, who was on guard duty, started to arrest the men, when, it is claimed, Murgridge fired twice at him. Mattice returned the fire, the ball passing through Murgridge's body and striking Hart in the side. Hart denies that either he or Murgridge fired at the guard. General Kline has ordered Mattice to be turned over to the civil authorities for trial.

Verdict on Railroad Accident.

BUFFALO, Dec. 21.—The coroner's jury which investigated the recent accident on the New York Central railroad, by which eight men engaged in shoveling snow from the tracks were killed, brought in a verdict yesterday afternoon. Eight of the jurors found a verdict holding the New York Central Railroad company blameless for the accident. The other four brought in a verdict to the effect that the company had not taken the necessary precautions to avoid an accident. Coroner Kenney signed the verdict holding the company blameless.

Engineer Sent to Prison.

DEDHAM, Mass., Dec. 21.—As primarily responsible for the death of Franklin W. Waters in the railroad accident at Sharon last August, where five persons were killed and many others injured, Dan'l W. Cockbill, the engineer of the second section, was, on a charge of manslaughter, was sentenced by Judge Sherman in the superior court yesterday afternoon to two years at hard labor in the house of correction.

General Lawton at Huntsville.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Dec. 21.—The last detachment of the Tenth United States infantry departed last night for Charleston to take a transport for Cuba. Captain Duggins is in command. Major General Henry Lawton arrived yesterday and assumed command of the Fourth corps. Battery A, Captain Grimes, was yesterday ordered to join the Second artillery at Savannah.

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IN THE HOUSE.

Williams Wants to Haul Down the Flag at Manila.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The house yesterday listened to the first speech on the subject of the annexation of the Philippines. Mr. Williams of Mississippi, a Democratic member of the foreign affairs committee, in an hour's speech stated his opposition to a policy which would bring the islands under the sphere of United States influence.

He contended that it would be hostile to the spirit of our institutions to assume control over 9,000,000 unwilling subjects, that annexation would cost us $140,000,000 a year, that the annexation of the islands met none of the test which applied to our past acquisitions of territory and would be a mistake from a social, political and material standpoint.

Mr. Williams' remarks received careful attention and several times drew applause from his Democratic colleagues.

The aggricultural appropriation bill was passed without material amendment. It carried $3,696,322, or $187,120 more than the current law. Several resolutions from the river and harbor committee calling upon the secretary of war for estimates as to the cost of certain proposed river and harbor works were adopted.

TELLER ON EXPANSION.

Silver Senator Advocates Retention of Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. — Senator Teller occupied the first half of yesterday's session of the senate with a speech in advocacy of the theory that there are no restrictions upon the right of the United States to expand its borders so as to include far distant territory. He went quite thoroughly into the legal points bearing upon the question and also incidentally discussed at some length the form of government for the Filipinos, saying that he would encourage self government among the islanders and would give them the most liberal government which they were able to conduct, but that he would not take down the American flag where once planted.

The remainder of the session was given up to the Nicaragua canal bill. Senator Caffery was the only speaker on this subject, and he opposed the Morgan bill.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Aguinaldo's forces were reported to be collecting taxes within the walls of Manila.

John Howell, one of the heroes of the famous charge of the Six Hundred at Balaklava, died in Springfield, Mass.

The steamer Georgios, the first of the line between Russian Baltic ports and the United States, has sailed from Riga for New York and Boston.

Mr. Henry White, United States charge d'affaires in London, has gone on a visit of two days to Lord Salisbury at his country residence.

The Red Star liner Waesland found the bark J. H. Bowers at sea with the crew nearly famished, having subsisted for ten days on one biscuit a day each.

Mr. Frank Knaak of New York has been acquitted of leze majesty in Berlin for calling Emperor William a sheep's head on the ground that he was intoxicated.

Hyde Park post, G. A. R., of Dubuque, Ia., has indorsed President McKinley's declaration that the time has arrived for the federal government to care for graves of Confederates.

Soldiers' Vote In Erie County.

BUFFALO, Dec. 21.—The count of the soldier vote in the Forty-seventh senatorial district gives N. W. Norton (Rep.) 66 votes, William F. Mackey (Dem.) 69 votes, with 42 ballots blank. Mackey's majority at the general election was 59 votes. The final count adds three to this majority. He is therefore elected over Mr. Norton by 61 majority.

New York Troops Start Home.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Companies H, K and M of the First New York volunteers, the last regiment remaining here, left the city last night for their homes. The men will be rushed through so that they can spend Christmas with their friends. Company H will be sent to Binghamton, Company K to Poughkeepsie and Company M to Kingston.

Accused Missionary Acquitted.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—The inquiry into the character and missionary operations of Rev. H. S. Jenanyan, the Armenian, which was begun by his clerical indorsers and subscribers, terminated with a verdict of "not proved" on the evidence submitted. The public interest in the case will now await the result of the investigation by the New York presbytery, of which ecclesiastical court Mr. Jenanyan is a member and to which he is amenable.

Derelict Schooner Sighted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. The derelict sighted by the Kirkconnel is believed by shipping men here to be the schooner Harry B. Ritter, which was bound from Fernandina for New York and was abandoned dismasted on Nov. 29 in latitude 37.58 north long itude 70.11 west, and her crew of eight men landed at New York by the British steamer Angers, which rescued them, as already reported.

New Chilean Cabinet.

VALPARAISO, Dec. 21. The cabinet crisis ended yesterday, and the ministry has been reorganized under Senhor Martinez in part as follows: Premier and minister of the interior, Senhor Carlos Walker Martinez; minister of foreign affairs, Senhor Ventura Blanco Viel; minister of finance, Senhor Rafael Sotomayor, and minister of war, General Suber-Caseaux.

Watch Company's President Resigns.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21. Thomas M. Avery, for over 31 years president of the Elgin National Watch company, has resigned. Charles S. Hubbard, vice president of the Equitable Trust company, has been elected his successor. Mr. Avery's resignation was on account of his advanced age and his desire to retire from active business.

Death of Catherine Cole.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21. Mrs. Martha Field of New Orleans, the newspaper writer known as Catherine Cole, is dead in this city. Mrs. Field came to Chicago about three months ago for treatment for paralysis.

ALASKA SNOWSLIDE.

Six Persons Killed on the Chilkoot Pass.

A WOMAN AMONG THE VICTIMS.

Scene of the Accident Was Near That of the Fatal Avalanche Last Spring—Five Bodies Recovered.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—The steamer Alki, which arrived here yesterday from Alaska, brings meager particulars of an avalanche on the Chilkoot pass, in which at least six persons were killed. Five bodies have been recovered, as follows:

Mrs. Darling of Lake Lindeman and her two sons.

Bert Jones of Juneau.

Harry Shaw of Skaguay.

The slide occurred Dec. 9 at Crater lake, about one mile beyond the summit on the Lake Lindeman side.

Mrs. Darling's husband was at Lake Lindeman, and she had arranged to join him, with her two sons, who had almost reached manhood. Shaw was a Skaguay man, who had business at the lake.

Bert Jones of Juneau was but 19 years old, and the reason for his taking the dangerous trip does not appear. He was a friend of the Darling boys.

The name of the sixth person has not been ascertained.

Contrary to the advice of old timers, who realized that the trip was a dangerous one in view of the recent storms, the party set out with light outfits. It was storming very hard when they crossed the summit, but they succeeded in reaching Crater lake, where the blizzard forced them to camp, although it was but seven miles to their destination. While encamped there, tons of ice and snow, mixed with rocks and timber, swept over them, evidently without warning, and went on down the valley, leaving them buried under several feet of hard snow. Their bodies were found three days later by searching parties. The bodies were not bruised in the least.

A peculiar coincidence is that the news of the snowslide is brought by the same steamer that brought word of the terrible slide last spring, in which nearly 60 people perished.

Another coincidence is that the two slides occurred just about the same distance from the summit, but on opposite sides.

Just before the Alki left Skaguay, G. Bald Mills of London and I. Smith of Melbourne, Australia, arrived from Lake Atlin, with their feet and hands badly frozen. It is feared that Mills will lose both feet.

President Gompers Re-elected.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—At the closing session of the Federation of Labor Detroit was selected as the next place of meeting over Louisville, Atlanta and Cleveland. The following officers were re-elected without opposition: Samuel Gompers, president; P. J. McGuire, Philadelphia, first vice president; James Duncan, Baltimore, second vice president; James O'Connell, Chicago, third vice president. Gompers was re-elected unanimously, but one delegate, Isaac Cowen of Cleveland, voting against him. Much of the time of the convention yesterday was taken up in amending the constitution and broadening the scope of organization. Among other amendments to the constitution adopted was that increasing the per capita tax of members of organized unions from three-quarters to 5 cents per month. This increase was opposed by President Gompers, but was upheld by a majority of the delegates, the increased funds being needed, they said, in pushing the added work of the federation mapped out for the coming year.

National Organization of Negroes.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21.—As a result of a meeting of colored citizens held in this city recently to protest against the treatment that was accorded colored people during the race troubles at Wilmington, N. C., a movement to form a national organization of colored citizens has commenced. The name selected is the Brotherhood of African Descent. The object is to bring about political action to prevent such occurrences as that at Wilmington. The Cleveland promoters of the organization are in communication with prominent colored men in the northern states, with a view of obtaining their co-operation. A meeting will soon be called to start the new society.

Soldiers' Vote In Columbia County

HUDSON, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The soldiers' vote was canvassed yesterday and completed with the exception of five votes yet to be heard from. The result is as follows: For governor—Roosevelt, 20, Van Wyck, 7. For justice of the supreme court—Betts (Rep.), 3; Clearwater (Dem.), 18. For congress—Cochran (Rep.) 19; Livingston (Dem.), 5. Previous to the count of the soldiers' votes Cochran had only two majority over Livingston for congress in this, the Ninety-sixth district, which comprises the counties of Columbia and Rensselaer.

Seventy-first Captains Plead Guilty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Captains Anthony J. Bleecker and William F. Meeks, Seventy-first regiment, charged with violation of the state military regulations before the second session of the general court martial, last night surprised those present by pleading guilty to the specifications, but not to the charge. The verdict probably will not be made public until after the conclusion of the court of inquiry, which will meet in the armory of the Twenty-second regiment tonight.

Three Thousand Chinamen Killed.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A dispatch from Shanghai to a newspaper here says a powder magazine situated in the center of the Chinese camp at Hang-Chow was exploded and that a square mile of houses has been leveled. It is estimated, according to the same authority, that 3,500 soldiers were killed, including the generals present and the forces. The American and French missions are both reported to have been damaged, but it is said there are no fatalities among the Europeans.

Well Known Sporting Man Arrested.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 21.—Daniel Degnan, manager and backer of the Geneva baseball club's state league team, and a well-to-do sporting man widely known on the circuit race tracks all over the country, was arrested yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with gambling by keeping a faro bank at 8 Front street in this city.

FIRE IN NEWARK.

Narrow Escape of Four Hundred Leather Workers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The plant of the Chrome Patent Leather company, at Avenue A and Murray street, Newark, N. J., was destroyed by fire last night. The flames broke out in the drying room, and within a few minutes spread to every part of the big building. The building was three stories high and 250 feet square.

One hundred girls and 300 men were at work in the works when the flames broke out. They had not even time to secure their street clothing. The girls screamed and jostled each other while getting out, and the escape became a panic. No one seems to have been severely hurt, but several were knocked down and badly bruised. Some of the employees lost their heads and wanted to jump from upper windows, but were restrained with difficulty. Some of the girls fainted and had to be carried out. Others, after getting out of the building, ran screaming hysterically to their homes, and this gave rise to the belief that several had been burned to death.

The firemen could do little, owing to the rapidity with which the flames spread. The loss is estimated at $100,000. The insurance is between $60,000 and $70,000.

OFFICERS ARRESTED.

Four Sixty-ninth Captains Accused of Failure to Obey Orders.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Dec. 21.—Arrests of four captains for alleged failure to obey orders given by Brigadier General Comba have caused a sensation in the Sixty-ninth New York regiment. An unusually large number of enlisted men belonging to Companies M, F, K and H celebrated the December pay day with such violence and disorder in the city that General Comba desired to keep them employed in camp. Deep sinks were ordered dug, and the company commanders, Captains Roch, Griffin, Devlin and McCarthy, have been placed under arrest and confined to quarters on the accusation that they failed to carry out the order fully.

They will be tried by court martial, but their alleged offense is not considered serious.

The Louisville and Nashville railway has effected a compromise with men of Companies E and G of the Sixty-ninth in their suits for damages for injuries received in a wreck on the way to Huntsville, paying them $48,000. The suits amounted to $300,000.

Ex-Convict Arrested For Burglary.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—George L. Parker, alias Sydney Gripp, who, the police claim, has been out of prison only about three months, was arrested here yesterday on suspicion of having been connected with the recent burglary at Wrentham, Mass., in which $2,600 in cash and about $65,000 in notes were taken from the Wrentham National bank. With Parker at the time of his arrest was Harry E. Foley, a young man who claimed that he met Parker for the first time Monday. Both men will be held pending further investigation. Parker, it is said, finished a four years' term at Baltimore only a short time ago.

Fort Adams Explosion Inquiry.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 21.—The court of inquiry into the cause of the explosion at Fort Adams began its work yesterday afternoon. The reason for allowing ammunition to be stored in the stables will have great bearing on the finding. It is said that a quantity of powder had been stored there for over a year. During the fire the Newport fire company, which was fighting the flames in the south end of the stable, found a shrapnel case. During the afternoon the bodies of Privates W. F. Butler and Frederick W. Kull of Batteries F and H respectively were positively identified by friends in this city.

Police Commissioners Indicted.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 21.—The grand jury has returned indictments against Mayor Simrall, Police Commissioners George Ladd, W. H. May, J. B. Rogers and E. B. Ellis for failing to enforce the law regarding the Sunday closing of saloons. Over 100 saloon keepers also were indicted. Duke Grayhurst, a soldier of the Second Missouri regiment, has been given four years in the penitentiary for housebreaking.

Wheeling and Lake Erie Sale.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 21.—United States Judge Taft has ordered the sale of the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad. The decree is dated Dec. 17, and provides that the sale shall occur within ten days. M. F. Carleton, special master, will conduct the sale.

Drowned at Sea.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 21.—The four masted bark Euphrates, Captain Davies, from San Francisco on Aug. 20, which arrived here on Dec. 19, reports that during terribly severe weather on Dec. 5 two apprentices were washed overboard and drowned.

International Needle Company.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 21.—The International Needle company has filed articles of incorporation in this city. It will manufacture needles, pins, wire and wire rods of all descriptions. The capital stock is $300,000. The incorporators are O. K. Story of New York, Eugene Fountain of Detroit and A. T. Sweeney of this city.

President Heureaux Still Lives.

PORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 21.—There is no ground for the rumor that President Heureaux of the republic of San Domingo has been assassinated. General Heureaux arrived yesterday morning at Jacmel, about 30 miles southwest of Port au Prince, and is in excellent health.

English Pacific Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail this morning says it credits the report that Australia will join with Canada in defraying the cost of a Pacific cable.

Every family should have its household medicine chest—and the first bottle in it should be Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, Nature's remedy for coughs and colds.

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DILL & COX, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, office No. 8 South street, Middletown N. Y., attend to all kinds of law business.

HENRY C. McGRAIR, D. D. S. Gas administered. Office over Savings Bank, Middletown, N. Y.

AUSTIN'S DYE HOUSE, 93 Wickham avenue. Ladies' dresses and sacks, gents' suits and overcoats cleaned, dyed and pressed.

MUSICAL Instruction on mandolin, piano, violin, guitar, banjo, flute by VINCENT MACGIO, 69 North street, second floor, daily.

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Toys.
Boys' Tool Chests, good strong tools, 19c; large sizes 65c, $1, $1.98 and $2.50.
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And Slides of good size, complete, worth $1.50, 79c.
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Nothing will amuse a boy or girl so much as a set of Nine Pins. At Tompkins' 39 and 69c a set.
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15c, consisting of knife box, dough bowl and roller, potato masher, towel roller, etc., all for 15c.
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on wheels that will shoot real bullets made of soft rubber, 75c and $1.
Laundry Sets
For the little one to use in washing her doll baby's clothes consisting of table wash tub, pail clothes horse, wash board, 3 sizes, prices 19c, 39c, 75c.
Drums.
Large line, 35c to $1.50 each.
Toy Pianos,
35c to $5 each.
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No toy more sensible than these, not easily broken.
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Iron stoves 5c to $1.50.
Iron Trotting Wagons, with two horses, 39c.
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Toy Fairy Land.
It really does seem to big folks as well as little folks, that Santa Claus has made the big store his workhouse. It's a treat the little ones ought not to miss; bring them to see the toys and the display can be seen but once a year. Don't let the opportunity to enjoy it slip away from them.
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10 Jackets that were $7.50 and $10 each, but broken sizes, marked down to $5.
25 Boucle Jackets, lined throughout, worth $5, marked down to each $2.50.
Big reductions in LADIES' CAPES, FUR COLLARETTES and FUR COLLARS.
Handkerchiefs and Mufflers.
No one ever seems to have too many handkerchiefs. They are proper gifts for Christmas in fact proper on all occasions. It's needless to say that this holiday nice assortment received attention here. We have the finest and choicest and prices the lowest.
5c EACH, large line of Embroidered and Initialed Handkerchiefs.
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LADIES' FINE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS 50c, $1, $1.25 and $1.50 each.
Holiday Glove Sale
MEN'S MOCHA GLOVES, lined, $1 pair; worth $1.50.
MEN'S DOG SKIN KID GLOVES lined, 50c.
CHILD'S MOCHA LINED MITTENS, fur tops, 50c.
LADIES' FINE DOUBLE MITTENS, per pair 50c.
LADIES' LINED TOP TOP KID GLOVES OR MITTENS 75c and $1 a pair.
CHILDREN'S SILK MITTENS, fancy back 35c.
LADIES' SILK MITTENS, fancy back, 20c, 75c and $1.

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An ideal present is one that can bring pleasure and profit. Nothing seems to fill the requirements like a good book. At Tompkins' find a large line of three useful presents both for children and older people. Prices 10c to 85c each. Oxford Teacher's Bible $1.
Pocketbooks and Fancy Goods.
If you don't know what to buy stroll through this department. We have some very special bargains for the holiday season.
An immense line of new pocketbooks, prices 10c, 25c, 50c to $2 each.
TOILET SETS in fancy boxes, prices 75c to $5 a set.
Games.
In no way can the young folks find more amusement at home than in playing an interesting game. We have a big line; prices 5c, 10c, 25c, 35c and 50c each.
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THRALL HOSPITAL KALENDAR $1—A beautiful book gotten up entirely by local talent. You should have one for your parlor table. Come and see them. You will see a good $5 worth in them. Price, each $1.
Writing Paper and Envelopes in Fancy Boxes.
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GOOD SIZED JOINTED AND KID BODY DOLLS, Bisque head, 25c each.
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To the Fattest Man, A Large Fruit Cake. To be seen in the window of Bross Bakery, on North street

To the Prettiest Girl, a pair of Elegant Bottles of Perfumery. To be seen in the window of McMonagle & Rogers' drug store, on North street

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, an Elegant Meerschaum Pipe. To be seen in the window of Mills' Cigar Store, on North street

To the Lady Wearing the Handsomest Costume, a Fur Collarette. To be seen in the window of Max Katzinger's, corner Main and North Sts

To the Best Gentleman Waltzer, a Pair of Handsome Slippers. To be seen in the window of Saunels' Shoe Store, on North street.

To the Youngest Widow, a Pair of Common Sense Corsets. To be seen in the window of J. J. Silk's Grocery Store, on James street.

To the Homliest Man, a Shaving Set. To be seen in the window of Tuthill's Drug Store, North street

To the Homeliest Girl, a Pretty House. To be seen in the window of J. Chas Schwartz's market, on West Main street.

To the Person Selling the Most Tickets before the night of the ball, a Ten Dollar Gold Piece. To be seen in H. S. Dusenberry & Son's window, on North street.

All the above presents can be seen in the different store windows advertised next Sunday morning of the night of Jan 2d.

The grand Masquerade March will take place promptly at 9 o'clock. At 11.45, distribution of prizes. Good music by West Point Band.

Gents' Tickets 50c. Ladies' Tickets 25c. Spectators in the balcony, 25c. Tickets purchased in advance will be entitled to a Ladies' Ticket free. Advance Tickets on sale at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's.

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Stuart's Complexion Powders give freshness, clearness to the old, restored youth. Try it.

OUR LOCAL LEGISLATURE

ORANGE COUNTY'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN ANNUAL SESSION.

Session Drawing Toward an End—Four Supervisors Sick—Walden Savings Bank's Overpaid Taxes—Penitentiary Contract Renewed—Treasurer Authorized to Borrow if Necessary—Soldiers' Burial Matter Laid Over—Jail Improvements Deferred Until the January Meeting.

Blooming Grove	Joseph E. Board
Chester	J. W. Fredericks
Cornwall	J. Bn Orr
Crawford	SAMUEL ROBERSON
Deerpark	W. H. NEARPASS
Goshen	J. E. Wells
Greenville	SAMUEL V. JONES
Hamptonburgh	Charles S. Howell
Highlands	Louis F. Goodsell
Middletown—	
1st Ward	James E. Brasee
2nd Ward	Charles J. Boyd
3rd Ward	John E. Iseman
4th Ward	Nelson W. Wood
Minisink	C. W. HORTON
Monroe	Georg K. Smith
Montgomery	I. H. Loughran
Mount Hope	Charles W. Loomis
Newburgh City—	
1st Ward	Charles H. Weygant
2nd Ward	Henry B. Lawson
3rd Ward	George Mosher
4th Ward	W. H. Coldwell
5th Ward	Jonathan Taylor
6th Ward	J. J. E. Harrison
Newburgh Town	William H. Post
New Windsor	Walter Denniston
Tuxedo	Charles Patterson
Wallkill	JAMES M. HORTON
Warwick	IRA S SMITH
Wawayanda	JOHN I. BRADLEY
Woodbury	John A. Patterson

Republicans in Roman, Democrats in small capitals.

GOSHEN, Dec. 20.—This will, in all probability, be the last week of the session of Orange county's Board of Supervisors. The adjournment, it is now expected, will take place on Friday next. The last days of this session are like those of all previous sessions. They will be taken up with the detail work of the Board and many things will go through with a rush and a snap. At this writing it may be said that all questions of general importance have been considered and disposed of.

This morning, Chairman Goodsell called the Board to order promptly at 11 o'clock. Outside it was perhaps the most unpleasant day of the session. The heavy ice storm had made traveling difficult, yet there was a good attendance. Several of the members of the Board are ill at their homes, and for that reason have been unable to be present. Among those are: C. W. Herton, of Minisink; Geo. K. Smith, of Monroe; J. Taylor, of Newburgh, and Mr. Harrison of the same city.

The committee on insane reported that they had examined all bills brought before them. They audited claims to the amount of $3,722.28.

Mr. Loughran introduced a bill for the reimbursement of the Walden Savings Bank. The claim is for taxes and is similar to the Newburgh Savings Bank claim, which was recently ordered paid, and which has been heretofore reported in full in this column. The share of the county was determined to be $46.38.

The Recorders, Police Justices and Penitentiary Committee reported their work completed. They made a slight alteration in the bill from Middletown.

Mr. Coldwell, of Newburgh, by resolution, authorized the chairman and clerk to renew the contract with the Albany Penitentiary at the same rate as last year, $2.25 per week.

The Law Committee, after investigation, took the same view as the town of Deerpark, which claimed that it was not responsible for the support of an indigent person, on the ground that she had obtained a residence in Deerpark when the county had supported her in that town for one year. They so reported and the woman will be a charge on the county.

A draft was ordered drawn to the order of Phillip Husbrouck, Superintendent of the Poor, for $1 295 75, that being the amount of his bill for services and expenses during the past year.

Mr. Jones' resolution, reported yesterday, relative to an inmate of the Brunswick Home, was, this morning, sent to the Law Committee.

Mr. Bradley then introduced a resolution that the salary of the Superintendents of the Poor be fixed at the sum of $3 per diem for days in actual service. Expenses to be allowed. This was done in compliance with a recent law.

Mr. Boyd's resolution, confirming the assessment rolls and collectors' warrants, was adopted. This was done to keep the record straight.

Mr. Boyd also introduced a resolution which was adopted, authorizing the County Treasurer to borrow in sums of $5,000, not to exceed a total of $30,000, for the Poor Fund and the General Fund. Interest is to be charged to towns when necessary to borrow for the Poor Fund.

In the matter of the claims of the several school districts for the payment of uncollected taxes to them Mr. Loughran introduced a resolution asking for the appointment of a committee to investigate matters and recommend an act for passage by the State Legislature for the relief of the County Treasurer of this county in the payment of these matters. The chair appointed Messrs. Loughran, Patterson, (Woodbury) and Bradley.

Mr. Patterson, of Woodbury, offered a suggestion that Supervisors call the attention of collectors to the necessity of returning descriptions of property on which taxes have not been paid.

Mr. Boyd called up his bill authorizing the payment by the county of the cost of bringing the body of a deceased soldier from the seat of war to his home in this county. This bill was introduced earlier in the session. He asked that it be sent to the Law Committee, saying that there existed in the minds of some of the members a doubt as to the legal right of the county to do this. Mr. Boyd then said he would call this matter up later.

The Chair then announced that the time for the consideration of the special order concerning the improvements to the Goshen jail had arrived. There was a long discussion on the subject taken part in by Messrs. Iseman, Wells, Loughran, Weygant, Mosher, Boyd, Patterson (Woodbury) Bradley and Sheriff Strong, who was present. It was shown by the discussion and the observation of the members who, yesterday, visited the jail that the sanitary condition of the jail was not of the best and that there was not enough light and ventilation. This was explained by the fact that it was impossible to keep windows open with any degree of safety under present conditions. It seemed to be the general impression of the members that the chrome steel cages would greatly relieve this. The matter was finally disposed of by resolution of Mr. Loughran, authorizing the Building Committee to secure expert opinion as to the best way to overcome the difficulties; to secure plans and estimates of the cost and submit the same at the meeting of the Board in January.

Four members of the Coroners' Committee being confined to their homes by sickness, by resolution of the Board, the Chair appointed Messrs. Weygant, Brazee and Nearpass to assist Mr. Patterson, the only member of that committee present, in finishing the work.

Mr. Nearpass's resolution providing for the payment to School District No. 1 of his town the sum of $723.29 was put over under the rule until Thursday.

Mr. Patterson, of Woodbury, called attention to the fact that the Senate and Assembly had appointed a committee to investigate the matter of charges to different persons allowed by the State for service. He said that the jurors of the county were not paid sufficiently well and introduced a resolution requesting the Assemblymen Senator and from this district to use their influence in behalf of the jurors of the county. This went over under the rule and will be reported more at length when on its final passage.

The Board adjourned about 3 o'clock until Wednesday morning at 11. They will then be called to order and will at once visit Orange Farm on their annual trip of inspection.

Cross-grained as this ad. is the woman who boils her wash.—No boiling when FELS-NAPTHA soap is used—but perfect results with lukewarm or cold water only.

Grocers sell it. FELS & CO. Phila.

LITIGATION IN PROSPECT.

Clarence Knight's Fence Did Not Stop Beakes Dairy Co.'s Ice Cutters.

The work of filling the ice house of the Beakes Dairy Co., at Monroe, was stopped, Friday, by Clarence Knight, who erected a fence directly in front of the house. He claimed that the dairy company's employes were trespassing on his land, but said they could resume work if he was paid $50. C. H. C. Beakes was notified and on Monday he arrived in Monroe, demolished the fence and set the ice cutters again at work. Litigation is in progress.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Saw and File Works Benevolent Association.

The Monhagen Saw and Eagle File Works Benevolent Association held its election, Monday evening, with the following result:

President—W. F. Van Nort.
Vice President—E. F. McClure.
Treasurer—Conrad Gerhardt.
Secretary—W. O. Van Scliver.
Trustees—J. S. Reynolds, Wm. Shannon, J. J. Lefever.

Funeral of J. O. Schultz.

The funeral of Joachim O Schultz was held at Florida, at 2 o'clock, to-day, at the residence of his son, Charles.

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Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—John Ainsley has his new steam saw mill in operation about two miles above Thumansville. The logs of that vicinity will be cut into lumber, and after being hauled six miles will be made into turned stuff at the Ainsley turn shop, about two miles from the Rockland station. There is yet enough hard wood timber in the vicinity of the new saw mill to last for the next ten years.

—Jefferson Campbell, of Roscoe, has just finished a fine artificial lake of six acres in extent, by the side of which he intends to build a large summer boarding house with the opening of spring. Whatever Mr. Campbell undertakes he does well and with ample means at his command this will be one of the finest summer resorts on the line of the O. and W.

—The towns of Rockland, Colchester and Hancock have more river bridges than any other towns on the line of the O. and W. Nearly all the important bridges in the first and last named towns are new and of iron, and those of Colchester are old wooden ones, some of them having been standing seventy-five years and likely to see the century mark. It is surprising how a wooden bridge with a good roof on will stand wear and tear and outlast its new fangled steel neighbors. It will be an expensive job for Colchester when that town has to begin replacing her old bridges by new ones.

—The failure of the Delhi bank has, of course, been all the talk in that locality ever since it happened. It was given out at the time a temporary receiver was appointed that this move was to protect the interests of the bank, but that was only a "let down." The bank is wrecked and no mistake about it, and those who wrecked it do not seem able or willing to do anything to help it. I find there is an impression that business is bad about Delhi, but such is not the case as its business men and others seem to be going about as if nothing had happened. The failure of the Crawford Wagon Co., which pulled the bank down, has thrown a great many out of employment to be sure, but the real interests of Delhi are in the fine grass producing farms of which it is the center, making it one of the biggest milk shipping stations in the world. Delhi and everything in it is decidedly alive with the exception of its wagon company and bank. Delhi is all right.

RUSTICUS.

THE MILK MARKET.

Supply Not Equal to the Demand—Wholesale Dealers Consolidating.

From the Milk Reporter.

Market in fairly good shape with supply about equal to the demand. Considerable of a shortage developed during the close of November which continued some ten or twelve days into December.

Platform prices reached as high as $3 per can one day, but gradually receded to cost, and present quotations are at about that figure.

The projected general consolidation of the New York city milk business is not a probability of the near future, but the effort to do so has not been without good results, as dealers have been made to realize the advantages of consolidation and a pooling of business is now the order of the day, although this is principally confined to the wholesale trade. This promises to continue until the whole city is covered, and instead of men or concerns handling from twenty-four to 200 cans daily, it will be in lots of from 1,000 to 2,000 cans daily.

A Christmas Appeal for the Children at the Home.

Do not forget the little ones at the Children's Home in your preparation for the holidays. Those who will contribute new or second-hand books and toys (in good order) may send them to 147 West Main street, or notify Mrs. E. G. Whitaker at same address before Dec. 27. There are twenty-four boys and two girls in the Home at present.

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Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's great blood and nerve remedy, all pain soon left him. He said this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing, you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by J. J. Chambers, 57 North street, near post office.

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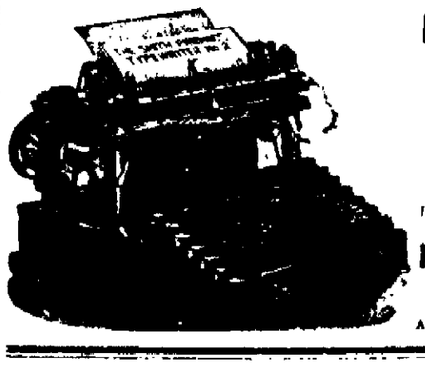

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DAILY ARGUS

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Rain, tonight and Thursday; easterly winds increasing.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store today:
7 a. m., 34°; 12 m., 38°; 3 p. m., 38°.

Gov. Black has appointed Alonzo Wheeler, county judge of Rockland county, in place of Arthur S. Tompkins, who resigned after his election to Congress.

The soldiers from the Third Judicial District gave Clearwater, the Republican candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court, 154 votes, and Bellis, Democrat, 126 votes, a majority of twenty-eight for Clearwater. Judge Bellis, had, however, a majority of 191 on the home vote, so that he is elected by 163 majority.

Over a quarter of the employes of the State Excise Department at Albany are ill with grip and malarial fever. In none of the other State departments has anything like the same number of cases occurred, which suggests that possibly there may be healthier occupations than that of prowling about hotels and saloons and hunting for violations of the excise law.

Grip is very prevalent in many places and there are a good many cases of it in this city, but there is no sense in getting into a panic over it. In fact that is the most senseless thing any one can do. There is no surer way of getting the grip than to imagine that you will have it and hunt for symptoms. The best way to avoid having the grip is to keep the feet warm and the head cool, avoid dampness and draughts, eat nourishing food and keep good hours. It's also a good plan, if you can, to keep away from those having the disease. If you find that you are "gripped" go to bed and send for a doctor. You'll only make a bad matter worse by trying to fight it out and letting the disease cure itself.

ROOSEVELT'S AIDES APPOINTED

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The appointment of the following aides of Governor-elect Roosevelt from commissioned officers of the National Guard, in accordance with paragraph seven of the Military Code, was officially announced, today, at Maj. Gen. Roe's headquarters: From First Brigade, First Lieut. David S. Iglehart of the 112 Regiment; from 2d Brigade, Capt. G. A. Wingate of 23d Regt; Third Brigade, Capt. James Andrews, Thirty-sixth Separate Company, and First Lieut. Adrian W. Mather, Tenth Battalion; Fourth Brigade, Lieut. Col. William H. Chapin, Jr., Sixty-fifth Regiment, and First Lieut. F. J. Miller, Forty-first Separate Company; Fifth Brigade Second Lieut. Jas. W. Cleveland, Seventh Regiment; Cavalry, First Lieut. James K. Prentice, Squadron A; Artillery, First Lieut. William L. Flanagan, Second Battery.

FATAL RAILROAD WRECK.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Eastern Express collided with the Chicago and New York Express, both east bound on the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Colonia, near Rahway, N. J., this morning. The colored porter and a boy passenger, name unknown, of one of the Pullmans, were killed and four or five passengers injured. The accident was due to the fog.

NEW SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The President, to-day, nominated Ethan A. Hitchcock, of Missouri, to be Secretary of the Interior. Mr. Hitchcock is at present Ambassador to Russia. He is a business man of St. Louis and was for some time an extensive plate glass manufacturer. He is a great-grandson of Ethan Allen. His ancestors were from Vermont but his father moved south and Mr. Hitchcock was born at Mobile, Ala.

TRIAL OF STEPHEN J. MERSHON

Slow Progress Being Made and Jurors Getting Weary—Opposing Lawyers Say the Other Fellow Is at Fault—Rev. Dr. Savage on the Stand.

The trial of Stephen J. Mershon, charged with forgery and larceny, continues to drag along and the jurors are becoming heartily tired. One said to an ARGUS reporter, Tuesday night: "I wish they would put cushions in those chairs."

The delay is charged to lawyer Hitchings by Assistant District Attorney Seegar. He claims that it takes him four hours to cross-examine a witness whom the prosecution examines in an hour. Mr. Hitchings, however, claims that he only takes all the time necessary and that much of it is of extreme necessity, owing to the objections which he is obliged to make to question which are "incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial." This case is being conducted entirely by Mr. Seegar for the prosecution.

There was great interest in the testimony of the Rev. Dr. Savage, and the audience was large during his occupancy of the chair, Tuesday afternoon. One of the Newburgh papers has at last awakened to the fact that a case of great interest in Newburgh is before the court, and the *Journal* has begun to cover all of the testimony for its readers.

The prosecution rested at noon to-day, and the examination of witnesses for the defense is now in progress.

CO. I'S HOMEWARD JOURNEY.

Was Thought a "Very Healthy" Lot in Chicago—The Companies—Hawaiian Veils—The Mascots — Foraging for Supper in Toledo.

A Chicago dispatch to the New York *Herald* announcing the arrival in that city, Tuesday morning, of the trains bearing the first detachment of the First New York says:

The men, who were a very healthy looking lot, dressed on their arrival, and while the trains were waiting for provisions climbed out of the cars and went out in the dawn to look for "extras" for breakfast. They were unfeignedly glad to reach their native land. "Even the alkali plains of the West," said one officer, "seem more pleasant than anything I could remember in Honolulu."

The regiment left home on May 2 and after being at Camp Black six weeks was distributed among the forts around New York Harbor. It left on July 7 for San Francisco and sailed for Honolulu on Aug. 6, arriving there on the 14. On the return trip the first battalion, with Col. Barber in command, sailed for the United States on November 29th, arriving in San Francisco on December 6 and leaving for the East on the 15th. It is expected most of the regiment will be home in time for Christmas. There were no invalids on the first two sections, but about one hundred and fifty were left ill in Honolulu.

The officers on the first section, besides Colonel Barber, were Major Robert Emmett, Captain A. E. McIntyre, Lieutenants A. L. Decker and A. E. Nickinson, Company I; Captain James F. Sheehan and Lieutenants A. G. Baxter and W. H. Mapes, Company L; Quartermaster and Lieutenant Bronson Winthrop and Lieutenant L. T. Griffith, assistant surgeon.

Col. Barber was interviewed at considerable length concerning the experiences of his comrades in Honolulu, and in the course of his remarks said:

"We found the people of Honolulu very pleasant. The women of the city were very hospitable. They tendered the men a Thanksgiving dinner, which was appreciated by the entire command. So much milk was required at the hospital as to produce practically a milk famine in Honolulu. The housewives then resolved to curtail their own supplies in order to give the men a sufficiency."

No baggage except the personal belongings of the men were brought east, the accoutrements having been turned in at the Presidio at San Francisco. These included the khaki and white duck uniforms, used by the officers and men, and the camp equipage.

In the cars of the two sections were three camp pets—"Dewey," a dog, the pet of Company L; "Hobson," a crow, virtually a member of Company I, and "Jennie," an East Indian bear, the pet of Company A. The men spent part of their time coming east composing yells for their different companies. These are samples:

"Wela-ka-hao—wela-ka-hai—Waialee, wain lue—Hula, Hula, Honolulu, Company I."

"Ding dong bell—Old Queen Lil—Hula, Hula, Honolulu, Company L—Swipes."

"Swipes," it is explained, is a vicious drink, concocted from old bananas, old pineapples, or any old fruit, and is said to be worse than old cider and stale beer mixed.

A Toledo dispatch announces the arrival of the soldiers there in the late afternoon. It says that the men, who had been paid at Chicago, gave evidence of having first class appetites, for they bought every thing edible in every eating house in the vicinity of the station.

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BUFFALO, Dec. 21—The first section of the train carrying the First New York Volunteers left here at 4:15, this morning, via New York Central Railroad. It consists of six Pullmans and two baggage cars. On it was Company I from Middletown and the Newburgh company.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 21.—The two companies of the First New York, from Middletown, passed here at 8 o'clock, this morning. They stopped for breakfast. The men tell harrowing tales of hardships and bad treatment during their first three months at Honolulu.

DEATH OF "CARL SPENCER."

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CATSKILL, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Caroline Spencer, a poet widely known over the nom de plume of "Carl Spencer," died at her home here, last night, after a brief illness.

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Cotton and wool. Women's goods in wool, cotton and fleece lined. Men's goods in all wool, cotton and wool mixed, and all cotton. Children's goods in all sizes and qualities. Some extra strong stockings for the boys.

We have the latest styles in Gents' Puffs and Bows.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,
No. 27 West Main Street.

THREE PACKAGES NONE SUCH MINCE MEAT FOR 25 CENTS.

B. F. TODD, 121 North St.

DON'T

go to New York city to

Buy Your Christmas Presents!

until you have looked through our mammoth assortment from 5 cents up.

SEE OUR 5, 10, 15, 25, 50C COUNTERS,

and when you get to our fine goods in

Furniture and Crockery,

we will discount any prices on earth. Call and see.

C. EMMET CRAWFORD,

44-46 North Street.

Also Newburgh and Port Jervis.

WHO LOVES not the sweet scent of ORCHARDS, ROSES, VIOLETS, LILAC—the wee wild ARBUTUS—all the sweet flowers of May and June?

Who loves their fragrance less in midwinter?

At CHRISTMAS time we offer you the perfume of flowers in all their midsummer freshness.

What more acceptable gift for maid or matron?

And the dainty crystal vials holding them—so worthy their precious contents—cut glass bottles in perfect taste and in all sizes for all purses?

Our special odors are ITALIAN VIOLET, APPLE BLOSSOM and ARBUTUS (others for varying tastes). Our TOILET COLOGNES are FLORIDA WATER, SWEET BRIER and others Each and all are our own make—better quality and lower prices result to you—larger sales to us.

Our SPECIAL PERFUME sale at CHRISTMAS is a welcome boon to the puzzled searcher.

For 25 cents you buy a pretty package—for 75 cents a "gem," but regardless of price or size your gift is perfect in its way—quality the best in the world.

For it's with the many people we find our patrons—it's the masses whom we wish as customers.

COME AND SEE!

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy.)

Christmas Presents.

We have been six months in selecting our present holiday stock, with the result that such a variety has seldom if ever, been displayed this side of New York.

FRENCH CHINA.

Our own importation. Rather than run the risk of carrying any of these goods over another season we have marked the prices at a very small profit.

LAMPS.

These have been displayed in our windows, as the different styles arrived, and the fact that we have been compelled to duplicate our orders is evident that the line is not surpassed.

ROCKERS.

We have selected from many manufacturers their very best patterns, and have most any kind you want and at all prices.

PARLOR TABLES,

Made in different woods—as elegant as we could find. So many different styles and prices that we are bound to satisfy.

PICTURES,

All kinds, and purchased just for the holiday trade MUSIC CABINETS, WRITING DESKS, BOOK CASES, RUGS, ODD PIECES IN FURNITURE and CROCKERY 10, 15, 25 and 50 cent novelties Before buying elsewhere please examine our stock, and if the prices are not the lowest ever offered in this city we won't urge you to buy Goods shipped prepaid and delivered any time you desire.

The Cheapest House Furnishers.

FRANCE & HATHAWAY,

25 AND 27 EAST MAIN STREET

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

—Rooms to let by C. Herford Clark.
—Suitable holiday gifts at Adams & Boyd's.
—Useful holiday presents at Chas. Wolf, Jr.'s.
—Christmas presents at Hanford & Horton's.
—Canary birds for sale by Crosby.
—New perfumery at Ogden & Shimer's.
—Watch charm lost.
—Dressed dolls 49c at Crosby's.
—Pure ice cream at Pewtress'.
—"English violet" perfume at Ogden & Shimer's
—Semi-annual dividend, Savings' Bank.
—Fine property at executors' sale.
—Health restored by Dr. Miles' Nervine.
—Calendars given with Fairy Soap.
—Constipation cured by Cascarets.
—For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—*Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.*

—The clothing stores will be closed all day, Christmas.

—"On the Hudson," at the Casino, to-night.

—Fine bon bons and chocolates at Laskaris' Palace Confectionery, 34 North street. dtf

—Thomas Marley has opened a blacksmith shop on East Main street at Orchard.

—Trooper Will Quaid will act as marshall at Newburgh's reception to its returning soldiers.

—The chart for "Chimes of Normandy" will open, to-morrow, at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's.

—Although there is a great deal of grip about town, none of the cases are of a very serious character.

—Fresh peanut brittle candy [illegible] and chewing taffy at [illegible] North street and 17 West Main [illegible]. tf

—There will be no services in Grace Church, this evening, on account of the return of the First New York Volunteers.

—A rehearsal for the principals and chorus of "The Chimes of Normandy" will be held at Monhagens' parlors, to-night, at 8 o'clock.

—Saturday afternoon, at 2:15, the great four act drama, "Dangers of a Great City," will be played by the Sawtelle Company.

—Seventeen bids were received, Monday, by Newburgh's Board of Public Works for the construction of a sewer in First street, that city.

—The Sawtelle Comedy Comedy Company played to a large audience at the Casino, last night. The performance gave great satisfaction.

—Remember the grand concert, Thursday night, in the Assembly Rooms, for the benefit of the German Church. A very fine programme for only 25 cents.

—Elegant costumes and beautiful stage settings will be used in the play "On the Hudson" at the Casino, to-night. Refined specialties will be introduced between the acts.

—Alfred Hyde, a silk weaver of Paterson, had his right hand blown off Monday night by the explosion of a magnesium cartridge he was using in flash light photography.

—In order to close the estate the executors of the late Mrs. Eliza Bull offer for sale her property, corner of James and West Main street, known as the Dr. Dorrance property.

PERSONAL.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Apgar, of Patchogue, L. I., are guests of Supervisor and Mrs. James E. Brasee.

—Dr. W. E. Douglas reports Private Horace Magowan, who is sick with typhoid fever, is improving very nicely.

—Mrs. C. E. Townsend, of Newburgh, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Hirschman, returned home, this afternoon.

—Mrs. O. L. Jordan was taken suddenly ill, Tuesday night, with gastric fever and is lying very sick at her home, 297 North street.

—Mrs. John H. Galloway and daughter went to New York, to-day, to spend Christmas with her parents. Mr. Galloway will join them, Saturday.

—Nelson D. Rumsey, who for the past three years has been an attendant at the State Hospital, has resigned and has accepted a position as clerk with J. E. Campbell, the Academy avenue merchant.

—P. H. Nolan, formerly of Port Jervis, and now chief organizer of the Liquor Dealers' Association, has been presented with a costly gold watch by the Baltimore Liquor League in recognition of valuable services rendered the organization.

—Sylvanus Greer, the blind veteran, who for some time has been boarding at the Holding House and has been for five weeks confined to his room there with a severe attack of the grip, is slowly improving but is still unable to leave his room.

Funeral of Jacob Lehn.

The remains of Jacob Lehn, who died, Monday, of appendicitis, were taken to Port Jervis on the milk train, this morning. Services were held at 2 o'clock at the residence of the father of the deceased, Jacob Lehn, and at 2.30 at St. Mary's Church.

Chas. Tepe, August Heinemann, Walter Startup and H. B. Kingsland were pall bearers.

Last Detachment of the First New York Starts for Home.

The last detachment of the First New York, the Binghamton, Poughkeepsie and Kingston companies, which reached San Francisco, Monday, on the Scandia, left that city for the east, Tuesday evening. They will be rushed through so that they may spend Christmas at their homes.

If you have catarrh, don't dally with local remedies, but purify and enrich your blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

SOLDIERS' RETURN

Will Come on an Erie's Special This Evening.

DUE HERE AT 5:30.

All Arrangements for Their Reception Completed—Three Calls on the Fire Alarm and Their Significance—The Parade and Line of March.

Company I will reach Middletown on a special train by the Erie between 5 and 6 o'clock, to-night.

The company left Albany at 12:02 by the Central-Hudson River line, and reached Fishkill at 3 o'clock.

The special is scheduled to leave the Erie station in Newburgh at 3:30 o'clock, promptly upon the arrival of the Middletown company at the station.

It takes about an hour and a half to come from Newburgh to this city, and allowing, therefore, for some delays, the special train ought certainly to reach here by 5:30.

On the arrival of the company at Fishkill at 2:35, Lieutenant Nicknison telephoned the Argus that the company would certainly be home to-night, but that they knew nothing as to the time of their leaving Newburgh. The Newburgh people, several thousand of whom seemed to be in Fishkill, insisted that the Middletown boys should participate in the Newburgh reception.

Lieut. Nickinson said that the Middletowners who had gone to Newburgh to meet the boys were waiting for them at Fiskill, when the soldiers' train reached there.

Best of all he added the information that all on board the train were well.

The companies reached Newburgh at 3:10 o'clock and were given an ovation. Co. I marched at once to the Erie station, where it boarded its special train, which will start as soon as the company's baggage comes on the next boat from Fishkill, or about 3:40.

Four members of the company who belong in Newburgh will be left there.

It is feared that Artificer Skinner is developing symptoms of fever.

THE PARADE.

Chief Higham makes the following announcements in regard to the reception:

There will be three calls on the fire alarm:

First call—One hour before train time, assemble at meeting places.

Second call—Half-hour before train time, start for place in line.

Third call—Parade starts.

These calls refer to everybody participating in the parade, also carriages, etc.

Gen. Lyon Post will meet at its headquarters.

City officials will meet at the Council rooms.

Captain Fuller Command, U. V. U., will meet in Maccabees' Hall at chief's first call.

Ex-members of the 24th meet at the armory.

Firemen will assemble at their company house.

The line formation will be as follows:

Platoon of Police.
O. and W. Silver Band.
Gen. Lyon Post, G. A. R.
Gen. Jackson Post, G. A. R.
Capt. Fuller Command, U. V. U.
DeWitt Drum and Fife Corps.
Monhagen Hose Co.
Excelsior Hook and Ladder Co.
Eagle Hose Co.
McQuoid Engine Co.
Phœnix Engine Co.
Ontario Hose Co.
Wallkill Engine Co.
Pioneer Cornet Band.
Order American Mechanics.
All other civic organizations that will report for place.
124th Separate Co.
Honorary members of 24th Separate Co.
24th Separate Co. Band
Mayor, Common Council, City Officials, Board of Supervisors, General Committee.
Company I, First Reg. N. Y. V.
Carriages.

LINE OF MARCH.

The line will form on James street, right resting on West Main street in the order as designated above and march to West Main street, to North, to Wickham avenue to the armory.

A Brilliant Trio.

Every one who enjoys fun should see and hear Macy. At Hartford, Conn., he responded to seven successive encores, and fifteen during the evening. Mr. Grilley has not rested contented with being one of the best humorists of his day, but has stepped in the broader field of legitimate entertainers, with proper grace and dignity. Miss Maud Paradis makes a very pretty picture on the stage, but she need not rely on her charming personnel for favor, for she plays with excellent taste and artistic finish. All the above at the Casino, Monday evening. It

Sociability's Club's Social.

The Sociability Club had a social at the rooms of Umpqua Tribe, Thursday, night, which was continued until late in the night. The officers of the club are:

President—Mrs. Charles E. Clark.
Vice President—Mrs. John Koman.
Secretary—Mrs. Ernest Hallock.
Treasurer—Mrs. Fred Dunlap.

First American Paper in Manila.

The Argus is in receipt of a copy of the first American paper published in Manila, *The American Soldier*. It was sent by a former Middletowner, John Powers, Fourteenth Infantry.

RECEPTION TO CO. I.

Meeting of the Committee, Last Night—The Armory Decorations—Accommodations for Out of Town Members of the Company.

Preparations for the reception of the 24th continues to keep a goodly share of Middletown's population busy. At the committee meeting in the Council rooms, Tuesday night, those present were Chairman Elwood, Secretary Benson and Messrs. Higham, Seehoizer, T. Ed. Hayes, H. M. Hayes, Memory, Hirst, Schmitt, Keeler, Veber, Lindsay, Van Duzer, W. N. Knapp, Sproat. A salesman named Skinner, who had cambric decorations for sale, tried to get the committee to order some of them, but the gentlemen present couldn't see their way to purchasing $20 worth, as would be needed to decorate the armory, and the salesman was, after much persuasion, sent to see the 124th members.

The matter of the armory decorations was again brought up on his departure, and Mr. Knapp stated that at least forty men were engaged in the work when he left the armory at 8 p. m.

Chief Higham reported that $222 40 had been collected and the sum would reach $250. It is proposed to publish the names of donors but not the amounts. Mr. Schmitt stated that all soldiers needing accommodations on arriving here would be taken care of at the Commercial, Russell, Madison, Holding and Elberton and Wallkill hotels.

Mr. Elwood named the following committee who will meet the 24th at Newburgh. They will arrange for the care of the boys who need attention on their arrival here: Wm. Seehoizer, H. C. Benson, W. N. Knapp, E. W. Van Duzer and W. F. Bailey.

GODFREY HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Had Nothing to Say When Arraigned—Imitated Mrs. Halliday.

Theodore Godfrey, who shot Sergeant John Vail, Tuesday morning, was arraigned before Acting Recorder Payne, Tuesday afternoon. He said on being told that he was charged with assault in the first degree, that he had nothing to say. He was held for the Grand Jury.

Godfrey, who tried to do a lot of detective work during the Halliday murder excitement, is now doing the Mrs. Halliday act. He plays with the buttons and buttonholes of his coat, and follows the seams about with his fingers as if they were railroad tracks.

This morning, Officer Freer took him to Goshen jail. The prisoner having proved himself a "bad man" was securely handcuffed.

Sullivan County's One Soldier Vote.

The inspectors of election in the First District of Liberty met at Sherwood's drug store, Tuesday, to canvass Sullivan county's one soldier vote, which was cast by Thomas H. Moffit in the Philippines. The vote had no effect whatever on the result of the election, yet to count it cost about $30.

Miss Lyons' Klondike Entertainment.

There is no doubt that our townsman, George Lea, possesses great persuasive powers, for he has succeeded in persuading Miss Esther Lyons to give our citizens an opportunity of witnessing her entertainment, showing how to get gold in the Klondike. Mr. Lea informs us that Miss Lyons' business manager will arrive, to-morrow, and arrange the date and other preliminaries.

Savings Bank Dividend.

The Middletown Savings Bank has declared its fifty-ninth semi-annual dividend at the rate of four per cent. per annum on all deposits entitled thereto up to $500 and at the rate of three per cent. on the excess.

McQuoids Won the Ball Game.

McQuoid Engine Company defeated the 124th Company at base ball at the armory, Tuesday night, after the drill, by the score of 13 to 12.

Real Estate Notes.

—Hiram Quackenbush, of near Florida, N. Y., has purchased the J. Hetzel place, where he has resided for some time.

—Harry Vail, of Amity, has bought the farm known as the Onderdunk place, near New Milford, of W. H. Ackerman, of Warwick, possession given Jan. 1.

—Dr. Hickman has sold his farm lying between Edenville and New Milford, to Jacob Drew, of Deckertown. Price $7,500, which includes the stock, crops, farming implements, etc.

—The Sussex *Record* says: Grinnell Burt, of Warwick, has bought the Brainerd and Sutten farms at Monroe Corner, containing 190 acres, through the *Record* agency.

—W. H. Holden has sold two acres of land near the Mechanicstown station to A. M. Rheamer, who, it is reported, will use the barn on the premises as a tool factory.

Policemen off Duty.

—Sergeant Vail, who was shot by "Dote" Godfrey, Tuesday, was unable to report for duty, to-day. He will, however, be all right in a few days.

—Officer Terell fell on the ice early Tuesday morning, and was unable to report for duty Tuesday night.

Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets.

Nature's most potent aid to digestion—pleasant and positive cure for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, and all stomach derangements—a new but well tried and tested discovery in the medicine kingdom—harmless as milk, mild and pure—prevent disease—cure the incipient cases like magic—and will relieve the most chronic case in one day.

Sold by J. E. Mills and McMonagle & Rogers.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Miss Alexander's Reading—Receiving Taxes—Personal Notes—St. James' Sunday School's Christmas Tree—Goshen Bank Stock Sold—Change of Sopranos—Other Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The reading at Music Hall by Miss Jessie Alexander, under the auspices of the Vocal Society brought many Middletowners to Goshen, last night.

—William H. Goodall commenced receiving taxes at the National Bank of Orange county, yesterday.

—Albert Van Duzer, of Bangor, Mich., is visiting relatives in this village.

—Clarence E. Clark is spending the holiday vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Clark.

—The Sunday School children of St. James' Church will have a Christmas tree celebration, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 28.

—Twenty shares of Goshen National Bank stock belonging to the estate of the late Geo. T. Wisner brought 73 at auction, Saturday. Geo. W. Murray was the purchaser.

—Miss Frances Cook, who was engaged to sing the soprano part in the "Messiah," has been obliged to give up the engagement owing to an injury to the vocal chords. Miss Minnie Benner has been engaged to sing the part.

—Twenty-five excursionists went to New York, yesterday, on the Erie's $1.70 excursion.

—A supper and concert will be held at the A. U. M. P. Church, to-morrow night.

HOFFMAN LODGE, F. AND A. M.

Election of Officers—Gavels from a Lodge in Jerusalem Presented.

Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, F. and A. M., elected officers, Tuesday night. Senior Warden J. E. Barnes, who is acting first sergeant of Company I, First Regiment, was made master of the lodge. The officers are:

Master—J. E. Barnes.
Senior Warden—M. A. Stivers, M. D.
Junior Warden—W. H. Sutton.
Treasurer—E. Millen.
Secretary—I. B. A. Taylor.
Trustee—John A. Wallace.

During the evening W. Maitland Abell, of New York city, presented the lodge with three gavels received by him from the hands of the Master of Royal Soloman Lodge, No. 293, of Jerusalem, during a recent visit of himself and other American Masons to that historic lodge. The presentation was accompanied by an address on the oriental origin of the order.

Refreshments were served in the banquet room after the adjournment of the lodge.

Recorder's Court.

—One unfortunate was reprimanded and discharged, this morning. Too much "red eye."

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D.: "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at J. J. Chambers' drug store, 57 North street, near post office.

Regular size 50c and $1.00. Guaranteed or money refunded.

ROYAL Baking Powder

Made from pure cream of tartar.

Safeguards the food against alum.

Alum baking powders are the greatest menacers to health of the present day.

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"Neglected colds make fat graveyards." Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup helps men and women to a happy, vigorous old age.

Eczema, scald head, hives, itchiness of the skin of any sort instantly relieved, permanently cures. Doan's Ointment. At any drug store.

Have You Tried Our New Perfume?

"English Violets!"

It has no equal. We are also making White Carnation, Purple Lilac, Apple Blossoms Roman Iris, Heliotrope Jockey Club, etc. Quality unsurpassed.

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TELEPHONE 133.

Sleighs, Sleighs.

NEW STYLES, NEW GOODS, LOWEST PRICES.

We have just received our first invoice of new Sleighs for this season's trade. Come and see them at

Terwilliger's,

243 North Street, Middletown.

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TELEPHONE 310

Allegretti Chocolate Creams!

The finest made. Ever eat them? A strictly fresh supply for Christmas gifts, in half and one pound boxes, 60c. Orders for 3 and 5 pound boxes must be given in advance to insure delivery.

W. D. OLNEY, DRUGGIST, 4 E. MAIN ST

WM. VANSCHAICK, — AUCTIONEER

Clothing at Auction.

As it is nearing the expiration of our store lease, we have decided to hasten the closing out of our stock of

Clothing and Gents' Furnishings by Offering Them at Public Auction.

Auction Sale to Begin on Monday Evening, Dec. 19,

at 7 O'CLOCK, to continue each and every night of the week. During the day time we shall continue to sell at retail, but at auction prices.

THIS WILL BE A RARE OPPORTUNITY

for holiday buyers, as we have an almost endless variety of goods that are suitable for gifts. We need only to mention a very few. Kid Gloves, lined and unlined; Fur Gloves, Fur Caps, a fine line of good Silk Umbrellas, Gents' Walking Sticks, Traveling Bags, Silk Handkerchiefs and Muffiers, Neckwear of every description, etc.

George W. Young.

SICK HEADACHE

Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

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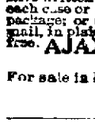

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in old, strong companies against both fire and

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resulting from fire.

A. B. WILBUR

FOR SALE

$25 per Acre

buys a good Orange county farm of 138 acres, 2 miles from Otisville and about same distance from Howells Dep't. Good 8-room house, excellent barn and wagon house combined, 80x90, base rent standing for 20 cows, running spring water, barn, good orchard finely watered.

A. V. BOAK,

Real Estate Agent, 35 North St.

CURE YOURSELF!

Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not astringent or poisonous. Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for $1.00, or 3 bottles, $2.75. Circular sent on request.

BIG G CURES in 1 to 5 days. Guaranteed not to stricture. Prevents contagion. THE EVANS CHEMICAL CO. CINCINNATI, O. U. S. A.

WILLIAMS' ARNICA AND WITCH HAZEL SALVE. SURE CURE for COLD IN THE HEAD CATARRH

and all SKIN ERUPTIONS—like Pimples, Black Heads, Rough Skin, Sunburn and Tan. 25c. per box by mail or from OUR AGENT. Williams Mfg. Co., Props., Cleveland, O.

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WE INVITE!

Your attention to our stock of California Oregon and Washington Prunes. We have some of the finest brands in assorted sizes. Choice quality Molasses Syrups Maple Syrup and White Comb Honey.

MAPES BROS.,

Grocers, 27 North St., Corner Mill. Telephone 135.

Louisiana Red Cypress LUMBER!

"When Solomon came to be employed in the arts the cedar of Lebanon was found in the forests of Gilead and it seemed to be selected for costly and lasting structures like the palace of David and the temple of Solomon."

Cypress equals itself and Cypress is again found in the Cypress used in the best buildings, for the following reasons:

It will last a great deal longer than any other wood
It takes the highest polish
It is the most durable wood in the world
It is proof against insects and Vermin
It will not rot in the sea.

FOR SALE BY

CRANE & SWAYZE,

11-19 North Montgomery St., Middletown.

WILLIAMS' TANSY PILLS

A SURE RELIEF TO WOMAN for all irregularities of her sex. Sent by mail or from our Agents. $1.00 per box.

WILLIAMS MFG. CO., Props., CLEVELAND, OHIO.

SOLD BY W. D. OLNEY, SOLE AGENT

BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR SALE.

No. 20 West Main street, a three-story brick property and a very desirable location, directly opposite Post-office, and in the immediate vicinity of the A. and P. Tea Co. and Mich. Dairy Co., where hundreds of farmers bring their milk daily. The property brings a large number to rent. If not sold on the property is offered or can be put here. To a prompt purchaser it will be sold at a very low figure. Payment will be made to suit. Possession given Jan. 1st if desired.

GARDNER & McWILLIAMS,

25 North St., Lipfeld Building.

TO RENT---ROOMS

By Kenneth Hereford.

"OF COURSE we can do it. Why not?"

What could I say to that?

Susan had made up her mind and that was the end of it.

"But," I ventured, "the work. Think of the work."

"That is why I favor the plan. It will give me something to do when you are away."

This with a certain cutting tone, as much as to say, "and you are away most of the time."

"Very well," I agreed, "it shall be as you say. We'll take the house and you can rent the four rooms if you want to."

"And just think," she went on. "We'll get all the rent back. Then we will get our shelter for nothing."

"Please don't call our home 'shelter.'" I begged, whereat she offered: "Well, what else is it? We are sure of food. You make enough a week to get that—some weeks; and the shelter is all that remains for me to think of."

"Very well," said I, "we'll move."

And we did.

Three days later, after the carpets had been cut over and matting had been bought for the hall bedroom upstairs, we were snugly—or, at least pleasantly—housed at 231 Sunny street.

Hanging the pictures and learning the ins and outs of the gas furnace had tired Susan, so we agreed to put off placing the advertisement in the paper until the following Sunday. The Saturday night before, we walked down to the office and gave the young man behind the counter 58 cents in exchange for a slip saying that we had taken about an eighth of an inch of space for one day—in the paper of the following morning.

Susan went about it all enthusiastically, and she was up at the first cry of the newsboys the next morning and into my pocket for a nickel to buy that paper. She looked through it twice by the faint light of the north window before she found the advertisement we had placed the night before, and when she did she appeared as pleased with herself, with it, and with the world in general, as a child in the second grade with a new slate.

"But it's awfully little, don't you think, Reuben?" she asked.

I looked at the three lines. It did look little, but I would not have discouraged Susan for the world. "Oh, there'll some one see it," I ventured.

"But I want a great many to see it," she went on. "I want a great many to come so that we can select from them. I wouldn't have ordinary people in the house for the world."

To tell the truth, I had no idea that in the city of Detroit there would be very many people who would see those three lines advertising the rooms we had to rent, but I held my opinion to myself, only venturing to remark to Susan, standing there by the window in the half light: "You'll see."

And she did, and that before the day was out.

We were at breakfast. The chops were excellent, the rolls done to a turn, and the coffee nearer like mother's than any Susan ever before had made. The doorbell rang. "Now, who in the world can that be?" exclaimed Susan, dropping her fork on the plate before her with a clatter.

"It may be your brother," I suggested.

"It isn't either," she disagreed. Whereat I suggested that one of the best means of learning who it was would be to answer the bell.

The idea seemed to impress itself upon Susan's mind favorably, for she did as I suggested.

I listened, a mouthful of chop poised on the tip of my fork in mid air.

"Yes," I heard Susan say to the person at the door, "we have rooms to rent. Do you desire to look at the furnished ones or the unfurnished ones?"

I smiled. Apparently the person wished the latter, for Susan took him or her along the hall, to the door at the end. There was silence for a moment, followed by a confusion of voices, it seemed to me, and then the front door closed and Susan came back into the dining room.

She sat down near the register, not at the table though I wanted another cup of coffee.

"What is it?" I asked.

"It was a man," was her reply.

That being a but unsatisfactory I continued: "What did he want?"

"Rooms."

"Didn't he like ours?"

"He did until I told him they were heated with natural gas, and then he started for the door. He said his wife's cousin was asphyxiated by natural gas once and that his wife wouldn't live in a house where it was used."

"Did he say anything else?"

"Yes, he asked if this was a boarding house." I wouldn't have had him anyway, he seemed so snappy and never said one thing about the pretty shades we put up in there."

"Well, there will be others," I said, encouragingly, and poured a second cup of coffee for myself.

And there were. They began coming steadily at nine o'clock and kept it up all day. Susan didn't want to go to church for fear that she would miss some one, and she knew that I could not answer the bell if it should ring.

There was first, a woman with a whittled nose and crescent carrings. She wanted the unfurnished rooms to open a palmistry parlor, and Susan said she was not in the office-renting business. The woman with the rose and the crescents left the house in a huff, remarking, as she passed Susan in the hall, that she wouldn't live under the same roof with her.

Then there was the young man and his sister. They liked the connecting rooms upstairs. He worked on a morning paper and she was a stenographer. The east exposure he thought would not permit of his sleeping late in the morning, and it would be cold in winter for his sister during the day and early evening. No, the rooms upstairs wouldn't do for them, and as for those on the ground floor they had no furniture.

About noon there came a man with a little boy.

He was a widower, but he looked as though it were not owing to any fault of his own. While he talked with Susan his son dug nice little nicks in the window sill with a new jack-knife. He liked the rooms very much, but his wife had left on his hands a lot of dishes and there appeared to be no place to hang them or arrange them at all. Susan told him of our large woodshed, but he said that he could never think of "the fight of his life's" things being put out in the woodshed, so he didn't take the rooms.

Then there were two ancient schoolteachers. They liked the rooms upstairs, but could not see how their piano could be moved there. Susan couldn't either, so they went away.

About four in the afternoon a young man and his wife came up the front steps and rang the bell.

They wanted two unfurnished rooms and wanted them right away. They wanted running water, a stationary wash-stand, a mantel, and a gas grate. Those characteristics were of our rooms exactly. From behind the curtains I saw Susan's color grow flush with interest as she thought: "Well, they're gone this time, sure."

She talked with this couple a long time. She came down a dollar a month when they faltered, and finally when they went out the front door and she had slammed it after them, she came into the parlor and sank into a chair near the table.

"What was the matter with them?" I asked.

"They didn't like the ceiling chandeliers. They wanted wall brackets. They said if it were not for those chandeliers they would take the rooms at our own price."

I saw the careworn look in Susan's eyes and began to feel real pity for her.

Poor little girl, I thought, it's a shame for her to run up and down those stairs so much.

And it was in the midst of my pity unexpressed that the bell rang again.

This time it was a man and his wife desiring unfurnished apartments. Susan trudged down the hall again. She opened the doors, turned on the gas in the grate, raised the shades and lighted the jets. The couple were delighted from the outset. They talked of everything. They wanted to know if Susan would put down matting in the little bed chamber. Of course Susan would. Anything to choke off the results of that advertisement of three lines.

Well, they would go out and figure it all up and would they be given the refusal of the rooms until the next noon?

And this time when Susan came into the parlor her face beamed.

"They're coming to-morrow noon," she said, "and then there only remains the two upstairs. Oh, Reuben, I do hope—"

She did not finish. The bell had tinkled again.

"An upstairs room," I heard her say. "Yes."

They came back down after about ten minutes. Again I heard words, this time spoken by a masculine voice of surprising gentleness. "Very well. I shall move in to-morrow afternoon. I expect my wife here in a week and if the second room upstairs is not rented I shall probably take that also."

Susan could hardly wait to close the door after the second real renter. She came bouncing into the parlor, her eyes as bright as two stars. "Oh, Reuben!" she screamed, "I've rented them. He says he will move in to-morrow afternoon, and with those in the downstairs rooms at noon, that leaves only the one hall bedroom on the second floor. And I can rent that, too, I know."

"Did they leave any money to hold the rooms?" I asked.

Her face fell for a moment. "No," she replied. "I never thought to ask them." And then with more eagerness: "But I know they'll come for the people who looked at the rooms downstairs measured for the carpets and talked about where they would stand their table and all that, and the man for upstairs wanted to know all about the bathroom and the closets and if I wouldn't even take him to meals. Oh, I know they will come to-morrow night."

To-morrow" came.

At noon Susan was in a high pitch of excitement.

No one rang the bell.

Half-past twelve.

Still no one for those unfurnished rooms.

One, two and three, yea, even four, five and six struck on the brass clock. And at that last hour Susan would eat nothing.

All I heard her say was: "Oh, what liars people are."

Discouragement was written on her face and little tears were beginning to crowd their way into her eyes.

The reaction had come and with it a bitter, crushing disappointment.

And at irregular intervals people are looking at our rooms and going away again still. That three line advertisement must have been seen by everyone who is considering renting a room within the next ten years. Its mighty strength has crushed Susan. She is not the Susan of a week ago. She has aged 13 years answering bells and "showing people up." And now I am only waiting for a month to expire to move her and all the effects of the Throttle family into a six room cottage, the rental of which is small enough to warrant me in assuming it all myself.

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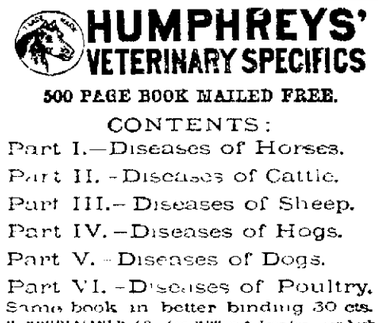

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POLITICS IN EUROPE.

Triple Alliance Seemingly on the Verge of Dissolution.

Germany Defied by Count Thun, the Austrian Premier — New International Combinations Now being Formed.

[Special Correspondence.]

UNLESS all signs fail, the triple alliance — consisting of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy—will break up before another year. The seeds of dissension sown by Germany, probably for a purpose, have ripened into a harvest of hate on the part of Bohemia and other Austrian provinces. The German authorities have recently been engaged in the wholesale expulsion of foreigners. Danes have been compelled to leave North Schleswig, and Bohemian and Polish laborers were forced out of Saxony and other provinces.

The Danish government lodged a formal protest with the foreign office at Berlin against the outrageous ruling enforced against its citizens living on German soil; but Count von Thun-Hohenstein, the Austria-Hungarian premier, went further and declared openly that Austria would defend her subjects, with every possible emphasis, and adopt a policy of reprisals against Germans in Austria. This forcible declaration was received with unbounded enthusiasm throughout the dual empire; and the leading semi-official papers of Vienna frankly remarked that the action of the German government was conceivable only on the assumption that it was intended to prepare the world for the termination of the triple alliance.

The German press, of course, remonstrated against such an interpretation of the expulsion rule, but its utterances are not as emphatic as might be expected.

COUNT VON THUN-HOHENSTEIN, PREMIER OF AUSTRIA.

It is probable indeed that Germany is tired of its allies. Austria-Hungary is a decaying monarchy, composed of heterogeneous elements and utterly incapable of unanimous action, and Italy's power on land and sea is an unknown quantity. Both countries are on the verge of bankruptcy and social revolution. It is quite true that the triple alliance has been the chief prop of European peace for 20 years, but conditions have changed since 1879 when it was first formed. Austria-Hungary and Germany are not natural allies. The former is a Catholic nation, which has always been more in sympathy with monarchical France than with Protestant Prussia; and Italy has nothing in common with either Austria or Germany. The alliance, from its inception, has been one of convenience, not of race interest. Since the Slav elements have obtained control of affairs in Vienna the German Austrians have naturally gravitated toward the German empire, and it is barely possible that the next move on the continental checker board will be the absorption of German Austria by the empire. However, this will not occur during the lifetime of Emperor Francis Joseph, whose golden jubilee as sovereign of the dual realm has but recently been celebrated with unbounded enthusiasm. Whatever ambitious plans the German emperor may entertain, his personal friendship for his venerable and venerated brother monarch is sincere, and during his lifetime boundaries will be permitted to remain in statu quo. After his death will come the dissolution of the ancient realm and the formation of a Slav power, with Hungary as the chief factor, which will act as a buffer between Russian absolutism and western civilization.

German statesmanship which, in Bismarck's time, made the perpetuation of the entente between St. Petersburg and Berlin its chief issue has undergone quite a change. From a purely continental power Germany has developed, during the past 30 years, into a colonizing nation. She needs to-day more than a defense of her immediate borders, and that is all which Austria-Hungary could give her in case of war. She stands in need of a friend with a powerful navy, one whose colonial ambitions do not conflict with hers. Such a friend would be Great Britain; and when, a few months ago, it was announced that the two governments had arrived at a definite understanding concerning the Egyptian and South African questions the statesmen of the continent did not underestimate the importance of the statement.

Austria drew closer to Russia and France, acted with them in the Cretan imbroglio and, according to current report, formulated its demands in the event of a division of Turkey in conformity with Russian wishes. Italy negotiated a new commercial treaty with the French republic and took other steps calculated to stimulate trade between the two countries. And on top of all these significant events came Emperor William's visit to Constantinople and Palestine which excited jealousy and envy everywhere except in London, where the official world was acquainted with the imperial pilgrim's motives and ambitions.

Germany wants Syria and England wants a clear title to Egypt. By standing together each can get what it wants; and it is significant, to say the least, that since the kaiser's return from the orient British diplomacy has assumed a plainness which has thrown the oily statesmen of Paris into consternation.

Never in the history of diplomacy spoke an ambassador as plainly as did Sir Edmund J. Monson, British representative at Paris, the other day when from a banquet table he warned France not to abuse British patience. It was more than a warning; it was a threat. It informed the French diplomats and the French press that Great Britain is prepared to resent further insults, that a repetition of the Fashoda affair is not to be allowed, and that the Egyptian question is to be settled according to the law of possession. England was sure of her ground before her accredited representative committed the country in such plain terms. And she was, moreover, sure of a powerful continental ally and friend, such as only the German empire could be.

Count von Thun's words have made it evident that the triple alliance is destined to be dissolved, either by limitation in 1904 or by the course of events in the near future; for, as Bismarck once said, "all contracts between great states cease to be unconditionally binding as soon as they are tested by the struggle for existence." That Germany clearly foresees such a dissolution is evidenced by the fact that it has decided to add 40,000 men to its army, on a peace footing, by 1903, the year in which the railroad across Siberia is to be completed. Russia also is increasing her forces, especially near the frontier of India, where 42,000 troops have been added to already formidable garrisons.

Great Britain likewise is spending vast amounts for new ships and modern armament; and one wonders how the delegates to the Russian emperor's peace congress will make these facts harmonize with the czar's charming theory of good will. Everywhere the people are groaning under the burden of taxation; peace is in every ruler's mouth, and yet the arsenals and shipyards of every nation are working overtime.

Surely the great world conflict cannot be much longer deferred. In Asia and Europe the Russian bear is preparing for the inevitable attack on the British lion, and the other nations are deciding upon their allies.

International politics is an uncertain game. Combinations formed to-day may be upset to-morrow. Yet, on general principles, the assertion is justified that Great Britain and Germany will fight together, not only because they are natural allies ethnologically, but because their interests are identical. Neither of them can afford to let Russia dominate all Asia, for that would eventually lead to the conquest of Europe. France will side with Russia, and so will Hungary and possibly Spain. Italy may remain neutral; if not, she will fight with England and Germany. Japan is the only doubtful power. To day she leans toward Great Britain, but whether she will remain proof against Russian temptation is another question.

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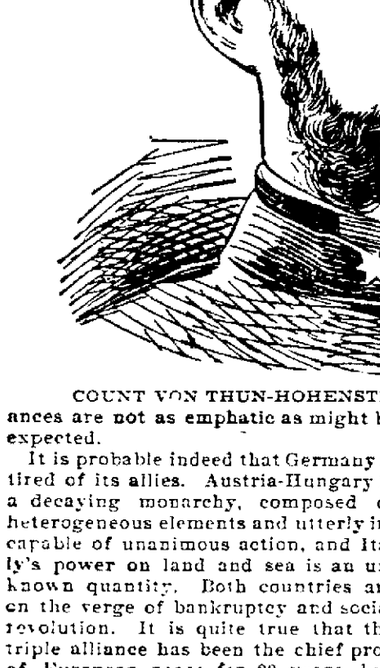

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Stony Ford	7 15	10 37	5 44		
M'town Main St.	7 38	10 43	5 58		
M'town ar	7 40	10 45	6 00	8 35	
M'town lv	8 45	11 55	6 10	8 45	
Winterton	9 10	11 19	6 30		
Bloom'g'bgh	9 21	11 15	6 36		
Wurtsboro	9 26	11 19	6 40		
Summitville	9 38	11 30	6 50		
Ellenville ar	10 05	11 50	7 05		
Fallsburgh	10 32	12 05	7 20		
Hurleyville	10 53	12 12	7 27		
Ferndale	11 15	12 22	7 38		
Liberty	11 30	12 29	7 44	9 50	
Parksville	11 45	12 40	7 55		
Livingston M'r	12 00	12 53	8 08	10 18	
Rockland	12 15	1 08	8 20		
Cadosia	1 20	2 00	P M	10 59	A M
Walton	2 10	2 45		11 38	8 05
Maywood		3 14			8 38
Sidney		3 41		12 15	9 02
N'rwich ar		4 25		12 58	9 50
N'rwich lv		4 30		1 03	9 54
Castle		5 18		12 10	A M
Oneida ar		5 57		2 12	
Oneida lv		6 10		2 15	
Fulton		7 39		n8 28	
Oswego ar		8 00		3 45	
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SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 * New Y'rk Exp	12 Milk	50 Local	14 Del-hi Ex	2 N Y Day Exp	42 Nor-wich Exp	8 Sul-liv'n Co Exp
Oswego lv	A M 11 20	P M	A M 8 33		A M 6 45	P M 5 35	A M
Oneida ar	12 52		1 30		8 08	6 58	
Oneida lv	12 56		1 30		8 10	6 59	
Castle			1 5r	M	7 30	5 37	
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Fallsburgh		4 19		3 14		6 57	
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Summitville	6 06	5 10		3 45		7 25	
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Burnside		7 22		f4 57		8 36	
Little Brit'n		7 38		f5 08		8 46	
Orr's Mills		8 06		f5 19		8 53	
Fitchcliffe		8 10		f5 21		8 55	
Cornwall	7 23	8 20		5 28		9 02	
Weehawken	8 45	10 50		7 00		10 30	
New York W. 42d St., N. Y.,							
Fifth St ar	9 15	11 30		7 10		10 40	
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* Runs daily, all other trains daily except Sunday.
f Signifies that trains will stop on signal for passengers
n Signifies that trains will stop for or to leave New York passengers only.
¶ Stop for meals.

Trains leave Cadosia 6 10 a m., 2 05 p m. Sunday only 4 30 p m for Scranton, Carbondale and intermediate stations.

Trains leave Scranton 10 55 a. m., 4 15 p m. Sunday only 8 30 a m for Cadosia.

Trains leave Summitville for Ellenville 9 40 11 30, a m, and 3 55, 6 50 p m

Trains leave Ellenville for Summitville 7 00 10 50 a m, and 3 10 and 5 40 p m

Trains leave Delhi for Walton 7 20 and *11 00 a m, and 4 45 p. m. Except Saturday 1 30 p. m Sunday only 2 10 p m

Trains leave Walton for Delhi 8 10 a. m., 2 45 and n 35 p m Sunday only 9 15 a. m, and 2 15 p m. Except Saturday 12 37 p m

Additional trains leave Livingston Manor at 1 35 p m, stopping at all stations to Walton, arriving at 6 20 p m. Leave Walton at 12 45 p m arrive at Norwich 5 30 p m.

Leave Walton 7 00 a m, stopping at all stations to Livingston Manor, arriving at 12 5 p m Leave Norwich 8 15 a m all stations to Walton, arriving at 11 15 a m

Trains leave Sidney for New Berlin 10 00 a m, *3 45 and 7 50 p m Leave New Berlin for Sidney 7 30 and *10 02 a. m, and 2 10 p m

For further particulars see local card.

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TIME TABLE ADOPTED DEC. 11, '98.

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*Daily †Sundays only ‡Except Sunday. b Stops for passengers to Binghamton and beyond

Middletown & Crawford Branch—Sunday Leave Main St., 11 10 a m; leave Main St., Middletown, for Pine Bush at 11 40 a m, daily except Sunday 6 55 p m, daily

Montgomery Branch—Leave Goshen for Montgomery at 7 27 a m, daily except Sunday, 11 20 a m daily except Sunday, 4 54 p m, daily except Sunday and holidays, 6 31 p m holidays only

Pine Island Branch—Leave Goshen for Pine Island at 11 20 a. m. and 6.35 p. m daily except Sunday.

Newburgh, via Turners—Leave Turners for Newburgh at 7 35 a m, daily, except Sunday and holidays; 10 50 a m, daily, except Sunday only; 9.00 p. m. daily; 10 25 p m, Sundays Trains 30 and 2 connects for Newburgh via Arden, instead of Turners

Newburgh, via Greycourt—Leave Greycourt at 7 45 a m, daily except Sundays and holidays, 11 10 a m, daily, except Sunday, 1 23 p m daily, except Sundays and holidays, 6 20 p m, daily except Sunday; 5 37 p. m., Sundays only

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OBITUARY.

Mrs. John Dill.

Abbie M. (Harding) Dill, wife of John Dill, died at her home, 336 West 19th street, New York city, this morning.

The body will be brought to this city on Erie train 9 at 11:25, Friday, and will be taken to New Vernon Old School Church, where the funeral services will be held. Interment in New Vernon Cemetery.

William Birdsall Freeman.

William Birdsall Freeman, a retired druggist of New York city, died at 4 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. John Bull, in Circleville, a relative with whom he had resided for two and a half years, aged seventy-nine years, nine months and seven days. He had been in failing health for a year and his last illness was of two weeks' duration.

He was in the drug business at Twenty-fourth street and Ninth avenue for thirty-five years, and at Eighty-second street and Amsterdam avenue for the last fourteen years.

Mr. Freeman is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth Beers, who has been constantly by his side, and nursed him through all his sickness to the last.

He was a charter member of Amaranthus Lodge, I. O. O. F., of New York city, and retained his membership in it for more than fifty years. He was an honorary member of Olive Branch Lodge, I. O. O. F., and also of Palestine Encampment, I. O. O. F. He was a member of the Seventh Regiment, and saw service with it in the civil war, and for forty-five years was a member of the regiment and its Veteran Association and Veteran League. He had the regiment's three medals—bronze, silver, diamond.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Church, Eighty-fourth street near Columbus avenue. He was a devoted father, a sincere christian, an honorable man in all of life's relations.

Members of Middletown Lodge, I. O. O. F., were very kind and considerate to him during his residence in Circleville, and visited him regularly after his health began to fail.

Went to Newburgh to Meet the Soldiers

F. S. Rogers, C. Macardell, Sr., E. W. Van Duzer, H. C. Benson, Ed. Tompkins, J. E. Gibbs, W. L. Powers, Lindsey Burt and M. L. Brown went to Newburgh on the 12.55 train to meet the home-coming soldiers.

Sullville Drainage Case Again Adjourned.

The Ballville drainage case was to have been summed up, to-day, but it has been adjourned until January 14.

A Frightful Blunder

Will often cause a horrible burn, scald, cut or bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures old sores, fever sores, ulcers, boils, felons, corns, all skin eruptions. Best pile cure on earth. Only 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by J. J. Chambers, druggist, 57 North street, near post office.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. FIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stock, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

New York, Dec. 21, '98

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	125⅝	125
Tobacco	140⅝	140½
Chesapeake & Ohio	10⅝	10⅝
Nat. Lead	47½	38
Gen. Elec.	93	93
L. & N.	61	60
Tenn. C. & I.	36⅝	36⅝
A. T. & S. F.	19¼	18⅝
C. B. & Q.	121⅛	122⅛
C. M. & St. P.	117⅝	117⅝
R. I.	110	110
D. L. & W.	—	—
C. of N. J.	95½	95½
Erie	—	14⅝
D. and H.	104⅝	104⅝
O. & W.	17⅞	17⅞
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West., pref.	—	—
P. & R.	19	19
N. W.	140⅝	140⅝
L. S.	—	—
N. Y. C.	122⅝	122⅝
M. P.	43⅝	43
Texas	16⅝	16⅝
C. P.	40½	42⅝
W. Union	93⅛	93
L. & N.	63⅝	63⅝
Manhattan	96⅝	97⅛
P. M.	43⅝	44
Wabash pref.	22⅞	23½
No. Pac. pref.	76⅛	76⅞
Metropolitan Traction	192¼	193
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	72⅝	72⅞
Southern, pref.	42½	41⅞

CHICAGO MARKET

May Wheat	67	68⅝
May Corn	35⅛	35⅝
May Oats	26⅝	27
May Pork	$9 67	$9 72
May Lard	5 30	5 32

DIED.

DILL—At rest, at 336 W 19th street, New York city, Dec. 21st, '98, Abbie M. Harding, wife of John Dill aged fifty two years.

Funeral services will be held at the Old School Baptist Church New Vernon, Friday, at one o'clock. Funeral party arriving at James street Erie depot, at 11.25 a. m. Interment in family plot there.

FREEMAN—At rest, at Circleville, Dec. 20th '98 Wm. Birdsall Freeman, formerly of New York city.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon, at one thirty o'clock, at residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Bull, Circleville. Funeral party will leave James street, Erie station, at 4 p. m. Interment at Trinity Cemetery, New York city, in family plot, Friday morning.

One Large Scar

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"I was taken with neuralgia in my head and eyes. Not long after this, a scrofula sore appeared on my left cheek, extending from my upper lip to my eye. Other sores came on my neck and on my right arm and one of my limbs. They were very troublesome and painful and soon became great running sores. My face looked so bad that some of my neighbors could not bear to look at me and advised me to wear a bandage, but I feared this would irritate the sore and make it worse. So I

Could Not Hide the Sores.

My niece, who was familiar with a case similar to mine, which had been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, urged me to try it. Finally I was persuaded to do so, and in a short time I saw it was helping me. The sores began to heal and the neuralgia in my head was better. In a few months the sores on my arms and limbs all healed, those on my neck gradually disappeared and now they are all gone. I have never had any symptom of scrofula since. One large scar on my right arm is all the sign that remains of my terrible affliction. The neuralgia is also cured." MRS. J. M. HATCH, Etna, New Hampshire.

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Middletown, Dec. 31st, 1898

IRA M. CORWIN,
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Umbrellas,		Handkerchiefs,
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OSBY Has only five of those sweet singing Canaries left. Secur. one for a Christmas gift and have music in the house. We have cages and all bird furnishings.

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CROSBY is selling a fine D esed Doll for 49c., also a full line of higher priced ones. A fine assortment of children's tea sets and juvenile books.

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Toy Pianos.....19, 25, 48, 98c, $1.48
Toy Trunks.....25. 48c
Toy Tables.....10, 25, 48c
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